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NO COAL PRICE YET

COUNTY FUEL BOARD HAS NOT ANNOUNCED DEALERS CHARGE

CAR FOR CITY ARRIVES

Carroll County Fuel Board Fixes Overhead Charge and Profit for Dealers There at $1.15

With J. J. Heifner, chairman of the county fuel board, out of the city today it has not been learned whether or not members of the board agreed on prices to be charged the consumer of coal handled here. The public hearing held by the board Saturday afternoon brought out few facts with regar dto prices that were not known. It was the estimate of dealers that Maryville's annual consumption of coal was over 30,000 tons, with the supply this winter falling far below normal.

The coal situatio nhas changed but little locally since last week. There is very little coal to be had from any dealer. The city, fortunately, is in receipt of a car load for use at the pump station. The car showed a big shortage when teams started hauling this morning, due to loss in transit and while standing in the yards here. The hospital and light plant are also in receipt of a car today. Over 100 families are out of coal and are being forced to secure other fuel, there being some wood available. None of

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M'JIMSEY FOR U. S. SENATOR

Springfield Editor is Being Mentioned to Make Senatorial Race—Several Democrats Are Talked of

The Jefferson City correspondent of the Kansas City Times writes as follows to his paper today:

While half a dozen Democrats have been mentioned as contestants for the United States senatorial nomination to succeed William J. Stone when the latter's term expires, the Republicans have not as yet publicly uncovered any candidates for the honor on their side of the political house of Missouri, although some "underground" work is being done by G. O. P. followers.

Among the Democrats who are being "mentioned" are Governor Gardner, ex-Gov. J. W. Folk, Charles M. Hay of St. Louis, the "dry" leader, and Attorney General Frank W. McAllister. And, of course, Senator Stone himself, for the latter has announced he expects to "go back" to Washington again.

Although it is supposed to be a secret it leaked out here this week a quiet little boom has been launched by a large group of Republicans in the interests of E. E. E. McJimsey, Springfield editor, who, his friends say, is not averse to making a fight for the United States Senate.

Masons Go to Stanberry.

Several members of Owens Chapter, Masonic lodge No. 96, went to Stanberry today where they will exemplify the work of the order for a class of candidates to be initiated by the lodge there. Those who went were: J. R. Reese, U. S. Wright, Ed Keck, Fred Fehr and Walter Todd.

Howard Leach of Pickering transacted business here today.

TO GIVE BABY BONDS

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL USE THEM FOR XMAS PRESENTS

A REAL CHANCE TO SAVE

"Lend Your Money to Uncle Sam" Is Slogan This Year — Four Subscribers Pledge Limit

War savings certificates and thrift stamps as Christmas presents was given approval by the directors of the Commercial Club today when it was announced at the weekly luncheon that the business houses of the city generally would remember employes in this manner. Instead of the usual gifts of turkeys, money, clothing and other articles, presents of war savings certificates are recommended. They are worth $4.12 each now, maturing to a value of $5. "Lend your money to Uncle Sam," is the slogan this year, and this is the manner of doing it. The Haines store and H. L. Raines, jeweler, are the first to adopt the new gift plan for their employes.

As a starter for the war savings certificate campaign that has been launched, Ed Gray, chairman for the Maryville district, announces today the limit subscriptions of $1,000 from four persons, S. G. Gillam, Geo. L. Wilfley, county chairman, W. C. Pierce and Dr. Wm. M. Wallis, Sr. These have agreed to purchase the maximum amount, payments being made at stated times.

An organization was started at the High school today when Chas. Bellows, Jr., was made chairman of the High School war savings committee, with Supt. J. M. McDonald advisor. Committees will be named to carry on the campaign an dthrift stamps will b esold to members of the school and others.

At the Normal tomorrow the same plan will go into operation and committees will actively engage in the work of promoting the sale of certificates and stamps.

DEATH OF I. B. TRULLINGER

Word was received Saturday night by relatives here of the death at his home in St. Joseph of Isaac B. Trullinger, brother of Henry Trullinger, and son of B. W. Trullinger of this city, and who was a former resident of Nodaway county. Mr. Trullinger's death was sudden and was caused by heart failure. He was found dead on the floor of his apartment. He is survived by a wife and three children, Dora, May and Paul Trullinger. He was forty-seven years old.

The funeral will be held at St. Josepa tomorrow at 1526 Frederick Avenue. Mrs. C. L. Evans and Henry Trullinger, brother and sister of the deceased, left yesterday to attend the funeral.

A.F. AND A.M. NAME OFFICERS

Election Was Followed by Banquet by Eastern Star Ladies — Installation December 27

New officers were elected Saturday night at the regular meeting of Maryville lodge No. 165, A. F. & A. M., as follows:

Senior warden, Geo. Mulholland; junior warden, Dennis Jones; treasurer, Geo. B. Baker secretary, Eldon Irvin.

After the meeting the ladies of the Eastern Star served a banquet for the members which was followed by a social time and short talks. The installation of the new officers will take place on Thursday, December 27, at 10 a. m.

HOME FIRES BURNED

TOUCHING CEREMONY AT SERVICE FLAG PRESENTATION

GUILD GIFT TO CHURCH

Roll Call of Men From Presbyterian Church in Service Was Answered by Parents and Friends

ROLL OF HONOR.

Elmer B. Allen, U. S. Aid Station, Municipal Docks, Tacoma, Wash.

Clifford C. Coile, Co. F. 7th U. S. Engineers, Ft. Leavenworth.

Ernest R. Coile, U. S. Quartermaster's Reserve Corps, Jacksonville, Fla.

Albert G. Craig, Co. F. 356 Infantry, Camp Funston, Kans.

Capt. Hershel M. Colbert, 141 Infantry, Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth. Tex.

Lemuel Otis Gault, Bat. A, 348 Field Artillery, Camp Lewis, American Lakes, Wash.

Fay Miller Corrough, Co. B. 356 Infantry, Camp Funston, Kans.

John Marion Worwag, Headquarters Co. 356 Infantry, Camp Funston.

Henry E. Barton, Headquarters Co. 356 Infantry Camp Lewis, American Lakes, Wash.

Lieut. Harvey McClary, Co. E, 42nd Infantry, Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ross A. Scott, Co. F, 356 Infantry, Camp Funston.

Robert H. Watson, in France.

Curtis C. Lyle, Aviation Section, Ft. Omaha, Nebr.

Howard Watson, Camp Decatur, Great Lakes, Ill.

Ray Zimmerman, Camp Decatur, Great Lakes, Ill.

Horace Gibson, Camp Decatur, Great Lakes, Ill.

Kyle Phares, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

Donald King, Annapolis Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; already assigned.

A beautiful and touching ceremony occurred last night at the Presbyterian church when a service flag, a gift to the church from the ladies of the Westminster Guild, was unfurled beside the stars and stripes and the Red Cross emblem. Eighteen stars are in the service flag, the first to be unfurled in a Maryville house of worship.

The presentation was accompanied by a roll call of members in the service, each name being answered to by a parent or a close friend who gave the branch of service and location. Miss Kate Schenck, president of the Guild, in presenting the flag on behalf of the members, told of the work of love that fashioned the stars and stitched the cloth of white and red, and the reminder the emblem would be of the obligation to those who have made the supreme sacrifice. As the stars and stripes dropped into place beside the service flag, the audience stood and sung the "Star Spangled Banner," while the Red Cross flag was unfurled to complete the trio. Besides a song by members of the Guild, Miss Zenor sang, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

HAVE YOUR $1 READY

NODAWAY COUNTY TO JOIN THE RED CROSS TODAY

IS OPEN TO EVERY ONE

Men, Women and Children Are Urged to Become Members if Possible to Help Our Boys in France

The Red Cross drive started in Nodaway county today with a score of workers in every town getting ready for the enrollment of 6,000 new members before Christmas eve. In every church in Maryville Red Cross sermons were preached to large congregations.

At Red Cross headquarters this morning the following message was received from J. J. Johnson, state manager for the campaign:

St. Louis, Mo.
Dec. 17, 1917.

ALL RIGHT; LET'S GO.

Every worker in this inspiring Christmas membership campaign should realize that he is one of an army of workers in the United States who are endeavoring to mobilize the heart and soul of the nation in order to give comfort to the bleeding men and women of Europe.

On Christmas Eve there should not be a household in America that does not have in its front window a service flag, which shows that members of this household have joined the Red Cross for humanity's sake.

The southwestern division must go over the top with a Red Cross Christmas army of more than two million members. If everybody helps, it will be easy.

J. L. JOHNSTON,
Manager for Missouri.

Many of the workers report a noticeable transformation of attitude on the part of the public in their localities. While a few months ago the question in the mind of the average person was whether he or she would be required to perform any sort of service, or otherwise interrupt the routine of "busines sas usual," or "pleasure as usual" on account of the war, this attitude is found to be giving way to the question as to what the individual can do to help win the war even at some sacrifice of business or pleasure.

NO UNION SERVICE ACTION

Plan to Hold But One Sunday Evening Meeting Will Likely Be Decided at Ministers' Alliance

The plan to hold a union evening service of the churches of the city in order to help effect a saving of coal will probably be taken up at the meeting this week of the Ministerial Alliance. No formal action was taken in any of the churches yesterday. It is learned, however, that at a meeting of the official board of the Baptist church that the plan was approved.

In the event it is decided to adopt the plan it will not go into effect until after January 1, when a union service of all the churches will be held on Sunday evenings at one church. The regular morning and Sunday school services will be held as has always been the custom, each in its own church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ray of Oregon City, Ore., announce the birth of a son recently. Mrs. Ray was formerly Miss Neva Reaksecker.

EMPLOYEES JOIN RED CROSS

Haines Bunch and Remus Forces Enroll in Christmas Campaign — Service Flags for Both

Two Maryville stores with their entire force of clerks joined in the Red Cross campaign this morning. The Haines bunch and employes of the Remus Mercantile Co. becoming members and a Red Cross service flag hangs in the window at each place, a Red Cross for each membership.

Following are the names of the Haines bunch who have renewed their memberships, having joined in the campaign in the spring: Gladys Ford, Ella Noll, Anna Stapler, Stella McDowell, Katherine Vaughn, Clara Sherlock, Elizabeth Heffern, Frank Goodson, Ray Hull and Harvey L. Haines.

The following are new members from the Remus Mercantile Co.: W. A. Townsend, Lester E. Lyle, Ed Mann, Arthur Robey, Mrs. D. E. McDonald, Mrs. Alpha Bishop, Beatrice Growney, Alice Donahue, Florence Anderson, Margaret Remus and C. F. Remus.

BIG MUSICAL EVENT

ORATORIO SOCIETY IN PUBLIC RECITAL TOMORROW NIGHT

A CHORUS OF 57 VOICES

Final Rehearsal This Evening at the First Methodist Episcopal Church —Wide Variety in Program

The Oratorio Society's first public recital tomorrow night at the First M. E. church offers a program of ten numbers participated in by fifty-seven person s,and should prove one of the big musical events of the year. The final recital will be held at the church this evening. The following program will be given:

Choral—
"Hail Smiling Morn".....(Spofforth)
"O Can Ye Sew Cushions"..(Bantock)
Trio—
"Praise Ye" (Attilla).....Verdi
Mrs.. F. P. Robinson,
Marcus T. Nielsen, Rev. Cox
Choral—
"The Miller's Wooing".....(Fanning)
With solos by
Mrs. A. Carter and H. J. Becker
Solo—
The Spirit Flower (Campbell-Tipton)
Mrs. F. P. Robinson
Choral—
"Greetings to Spring".....(Strauss)
Violin—
Prelude to "The Deluge (Saint-Saens)
W. A. Blaaha
Trio—
"On Thee Each Living Soul Awaits" (Creation) Haydn
Orpha Faris, Marcus T. Nielsen
Rev. G. S. Cox
Choral—
"By Babylon's Wave".....(Gounod)
Quintette—

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THE ALLIES STILL HOLD THEIR EDGE

REPORT OF PASSING OF INITIATIVE DENOUNCED AS "DAMNED PRO-GERMAN LIE"

BLISS AND BESON ARE BACK WITH THE FACTS

All Along the Western Front the Germans Continue on the Defensive —Morale of Hun Troops Far Below the Average

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 17.—General optimism spread throughout the army and navy circles here today, following a wave of pessimism which has been apparent for the past fortnight, due to unsatisfactory cables from Italy and France, and even from Great Britain. The reason for the present optimistic feeling is that the army and navy has some real facts before it in the persons of Admiral Beson and General Tasker Bliss, who were back on the job again today. They both used strong language denouncing the various German stories that the Germans had taken the offensive everywhere on the Western front.

"That report is a damned pro-German lie and a piece of characterically pernicious German propaganda," is the way one of these high ranking officials designated the report.

They cannot be quoted on essential military secrets, however, but it can be stated as a fact that all along the western front the Germans continue to be on the defensive and the morale of the troops is far below what it was even as late as six months ago.

Eleven Americans Are Prisoners.

With American Armies in France, Dec. 17.—There wa sno confirmation today of the German claim that French officers an dforty-five men were captured by the Teutons during the trench raid in the Xures sector. This was the sector where the Germans raided the trenches and engaged in their first infantry action with the enemy. The American lost eleven prisoners in the numerous patrol engagements.

A Car of Interstates Here.

The United States Copper Cable Co. received another car of Interstate cars today. They have sold cars recently to James Eckles, Charles Garrett and Jay Titus.

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* THE WEATHER *
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Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight.

Cut Out The Waste!

Get more wear out of your clothes. Everybody is practicing economy, but not everybody realizes how much can be saved by having their old clothes carefully cleaned, pressed and repaired.

You will be surprised at the moderate charges. Look over your old clothes today—then phone us.

Superior Cleaning Co.

EMPIRE THEATRE TONIGHT
PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Jack Pickford as "Freckles" and
Louise Huff as the "Angel" in

"FRECKLES"

Gene Stratton-Porter's famous novel. A delightful story of an orphan, crippled boy.

Admission 5 and 11 cents

Red Cross Members and Campaign Workers Please Read Carefully

If you joined the Red Cross before Sept. 1, 1917, you will be carried as a member till one year after the date of your membership. We are not robbing you of any of your rights.

But we are requesting that those of you who are able, will take out a new Christmas Membership, which will carry your membership to close of 1918. The reason we hope most old members will do this is, that since the membership has reached into millions, it is impossible to keep track of the membership, under the old plan of membership expiring one year from date taken, and is absolutely necessary to adopt the fiscal year plan, that is to say, have all memberships expire on the last day of each year, and if the old members will renew at this time it will make it possible to complete the new plan at once, and save thousands of dollars in bookkeeping and postage.

Workers, remember we are expecting you to do your work promptly and if you fall down, we will be sadly disappointed, and will be forced to do your work over.

Citizens, remember these solicitors are volunteers, neglecting their own affairs, to do this service for their country.

Cheer them and the bovs at the front by taking a $1.00 membership for each member of your family.

F. P. ROBINSON, Campaign Mgr.

Remember
Thursday Night
THE BIG SCOUT PICTURE
and Program
at Christian Church
Get your tickets now—
10-20 cents
7:45 o'clock

Feature Tonight
Empire Theatre
5 and 11 cents

Paramount Pictures, with
Louise Huff and Jack Pickford
Who have won tremendous popularity,
—in—
"Freckles"
An Orphan Boy's triumph over circumstanees.

You Should Buy---War Savings and Thrift Stamps

(Nodaway County's Quota, $600,000)

THE MOST EXCELLENT OFFER YET MADE BY OUR GOVERNMENT. WAR SAVINGS STAMPS are $5 Government Bonds which promise to pay the amount you invest, at the end of five years with 4 per cent interest compounded every three months. WAR SAVINGS STAMPS pay more interest than any previous U. S. Bond. You can turn them into cash without looking for a buyer; take them to any post office and get them cashed. THRIFT STAMPS cost only 25 cents each. They are made in small amounts to help you save enough to buy WAR SAVING STAMPS.

Obtain information and BUY THEM of your local banks or post offices. They will give you an highly engraved Certificate on which to paste your WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

War Savers Are Life Savers—BE ONE

—POLK TOWNSHIP CHAIRMAN.

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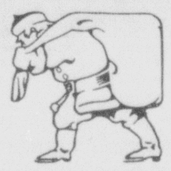


Burlington Junction, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a popgun and a negro dancer, toy violin and some blocks. I have a little baby brother sixteen months old. He wants a little boy doll and a little dog and a jingle bell horse. We both want some candy and nuts.

LOWELL ADKINS.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I will be pleased if I don't get anything; I would rather my toys go to the children. Will you please bring my little baby sister a little doll that she can play with?

NELLIE MARION SMITH.

215 West Fifth street. Age 8.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I would like to have a duck that runs on wheels and a train and a banjo. Santa Claus, don't forget the children who won't get anything for Christmas. Bring my little baby sister a rattle.

EUDORA OTHA SMITH.

215 West Fifth street. Age 4.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a new doll buggy and a new doll and a new sled. I go to school. I want some candy, and that is all I want. I am six years old.

NELLIE McFARLAND.

Dear Santa Claus.—I want a sled and a new doll buggy and I want a ring and a new doll, too. Please do not forget the little girls in Germany. I am eight years old.

EMERETTA McFARLAND.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 11 years old. I want a pair of roller skates and some rubbers and some candy and nuts. Please don't forget the little French orphans who haven't any papas or mammas.

ESTHER McFARLAND.

Conception, Mo.

My Dear Santa:—I want to tell you what I want you to bring me Christmas. Bring me some candy and nuts. Be sure to see that the fire is out before you come down the chimney. Bring my little sister a doll and doll buggy.

WILLIE O'DONNELL.

Conception, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I have been a very good boy. I want a sack of candy, peanuts, a car. Are you coming in your airship? Are you coming with your reindeer? You will not get dirty at our house because we will clean the chimney out. Bring Drexell a train and some candy and some peanuts. As ever,

WAYNE SNOWDEN.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a baby doll and some games and a pair of furs, and I want a sled for Christmas. Don't forget my little brother, Otho, and my dear mother, and my dear brother, Lester, who is ni camp. And if you haven't enough for all of us, please don't forget my dear brother, Lester. I would rather do without, for I love my dear brother Lester so. Your loving friend,

LA DEAN HOLADAY.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I will write you a letter to see if you won't come to see me and Pauline. Mamma says you won't, because we don't have much money since papa hurt his back, but I would like awful well to have a doll that will go to sleep and some candy and nuts, and Pauline would like to have a doll that won't break and some candy and nuts. Your little friend,

GLADYS MARY MIDDLETON.

1302 East First street.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I will write my letter now. I want a big doll and a doll buggy and a box of child's stationery, and that is all I want. Don't forget all the girls and boys in France. I am eight years old.. Your loving friend,

RUTH HAMMOND.

P. S.: Don't forget Harold.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a little piano, a doll, a finger file, a doll cart, a doll bed, a chair, some candy, a circus book, some nuts and a silk handkerchief. Goodbye,

OPLE LEWIS.

Graham, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus.—How are you? Is it very cold at your home? It is cold down here. There is snow on the ground. Now I am going to tell you what I want. I want a sled and a pair of roller skates and some nuts and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I am eight years old.

Your friend,

ARNOLD JACKSON.

Graham, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—How are you? Is it very cold at your home? It is cold down here. There is snow on the ground. I want you to bring me some things. I want a rifle and a shotgun and a sled. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I have a good time at school and we are going to have a Christmas tree and a program. I like to be on a program and like to speak a piece. This is all I can think of for this time. I am nine years old. Your friend,

LEWIS DUNCAN.

Graham, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—How are you? Is it very cold at your home? I want you to bring me a cannon and a top and ball, and don't forget the other girls and boys. I am nine years old. Your friend, EARL FULTZ.

Graham, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—How are you? Is it cold where you live? It is cold here. Snow is on the ground. You can come in your sled. We are going to have a Christmas tree and a program at the Miller school. Now I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a candle and a flashlight and some candy, and that will be all for this time. I am nine years old. From your friend,

JAKE WILSON.

Graham, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—How are you? I am afraid the weather is going to get so bad you can't come, but if you can, I want you to bring me a watch, a bracelet and a doll dresser and anything else you can afford. I am nine years old and I ride to school horseback. I will try to be good, so you come. Your friend,

ELLA BARCUS.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus: — Please bring me a Stucto building set and a train, some candy, nuts and oranges. Don't forget the orphan children. Age 8, second grade.

WILLIAM BRAME.

1013 East Fifth street.

Dear Santa Claus:—I thank you, Santa Claus, I thank you for the pretty things you brought me last year. This year I want a book to read and a ribbon, a handkerchief and candy, oranges and bananas to eat. Netta wants a doll and a handkerchief and candy, oranges and bananas to eat. Vera wants a doll with a green dress on it, and she wants candy, oranges and bananas to eat. I want you to not forget the girls and boys in Europe. Your friend,

ELSIE ROGERS.

Age 8.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—Please bring me a little car that runs on the floor and a little popgun. Forrest Wells wants a little train and a little wagon. My little sister wants a little doll. I am eight years old. I go to the Garrett school. I am in the third grade. Be sure to give every little boy and girl some toys. Your friend,

EUGENE WELLS.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus. — As I cannot write I am having my sister write for me. I am only four years old, but I go to school. I want a pair of mittens, a set of toy dishes, a story book, some candy and nuts. Your little friend, LEONA BELCHER.

R. F. D. 7, Box 69.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl ten years old. I want you to please bring me a pair of overshoes, some red ribbon, some slate pencils, a slate and some nuts, candy, bananas, oranges. Helen Ulmer wants a cup, plate, overshoes, slate, slate pencils, some green hair ribbon. Mildred Ulmer wants a slate, slate pencils, overshoes, red hair ribbon. Ruby Ulmer wants a slate and slate pencils, and a dollie. And please don't forget the little orphan girls and boys that haven't any papas or mammas.

Your friend,

OPAL ULMER.

Dear Santa Claus:—I thank you, Santa Claus, I thank you for the pretty things you brought me last year. This year I want a doll and a doll buggy. I want candy, oranges, bananas and peanuts. Your friend

ELSIE BENGE.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa: — I thank you, dear Santa, for the toys you gave me last year. I have some of them yet. This year I want a wagon. My little brother wants a sled and a watch; he wants candy and oranges. Katie wants a ring and a watch. Earl and I want some candy and oranges. Papa and mamma and the rest of them want some candy and oranges. Dear Santa, if I get what I want, and what my little brother, papa and mamma and sister want, I will thank you for your toys. I can't hardly wait for Christmas to come. Goodbye, dear Santa. Your friend,

LAURENCE SHERLOCK.

Age 11.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I thank you for all you brought me last year. This year I want a sled and a watch. I want some candy and oranges for mamma, papa, Francis, Katie, Earl and Laurence, if I can get them. I don't know what the others want. If I did I would tell you. I will be glad to get them. It isn't long till Christmas. Don't forget the little boys and girls in Europe. Your friend,

RAYMOND SHERLOCK.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I was thankful for the toys you brought me last year. I want a sled this Christmas and some candy, oranges and bananas, too. I want a whole lot of things so much that I can't write on the paper. I wish you could come twice a year. I guess that is all I want now. From your friend,

TEDDY VAUGHN.

Age 13.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl in the fourth grade. My name is Virginia Nicholas and I am nine years old. I go to the Bell Grove school. I have been a good girl for a month. I want a pair of skates and a new pair of shoes. I think that is all I want this Christmas.

Your little friend,

VIRGINIA NICHOLAS.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy in the third grade. I go to the Bell Grove school. I have been trying to be good. I want a submarine that goes in the water and when it hits a ship it goes all to pieces.

Your little friend,

WALTER MUTZ, JR.

Dear Old Santa:—My name is Roberta Freece. I live in the country and go to Bell Grove school. I am good. I want a cap, a doll buggy and a scarf. This is all I want; take the rest to the poor children.

ROBERTA FREECE.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy in the second grade. I go to Bell Grove school. I want a big cannon and a set of tools. Bring my baby sister a doll. I have been a good boy.

GEORGE WOLF.

Dear Santa Claus.—I want you to come and see me and bring me some toys. Soon it will be Christmas, but I am ready for you. Baby is ready for you. I go to Bell Grove school.

BEULAH COX.

Burlington Junction, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus: — I am seven years old and go to school. I live in the country and like country life very much. Well, Santa, please bring me a wagon, an air rifle and some candy and nuts. I am not asking for very much this Christmas. Try and not forget the soldier boys. Yours truly,

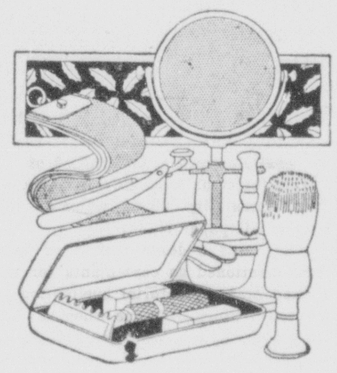
DALE EDWARD WISEMAN.

R. F. D. 2.

Useful Christmas Gifts

Few are the homes that do not need more silverware this Christmas and the gift will be sure to please. Think of the joy that Mother will have from a few more articles to add to her silverwar chest.

Store open evenings until Christmas.



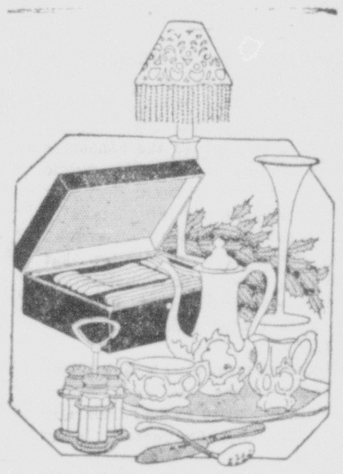
Clocks make very serviceable gifts. The more clocks that a home has the less time that mother or wife loses in learning the hour of the day.

A MANICURE SET will delight that sweetheart of yours. Be sure to see our sets in white Pyralin Ivory. A good line of Leather Goods.

Only 6 shopping days to Christmas.

The time is very short indeed, in which to send gifts to Soldier Friends and Relatives. Send him a gift from our large selection of practical articles. You can help to make camp life more cheerful.

A few suggestions:
—Safety Razors
—Trench Mirrors
—Fountain Pens
—Cigaret Cases
—Wrist Watches
—Compasses
—Kodaks



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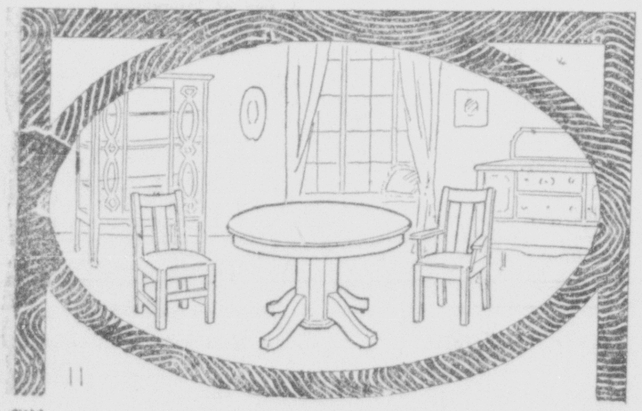
YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

to prepare at once for Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Telegraphers, Salesmen, Bank Clerks, and Railway Clerks, at—

$60 to $100 a Month and Up.
Thousands of Openings for Ladies.
"Time is Money" Now as Never Before.

Another draft is coming soon to make more openings. "Uncle Sam" needs 10,000 stenographers and bookkeepers at $75 to $100. Stop cheering and begin preparing to help win the war—do it now.

THE BUSINESS UNIVERSITY
Marshall, Mexico and Fulton, Mo.
Opens Day and Night Schools in Maryville Jan. 1



Furniture of Quality

Look This List Over

and see if it does not include something that you might give to advantage to someone. Here are a few suggestions:

—BED ROOM SUITES
—DINING ROOM SUITES
—LIVING ROOM SUITES
—LIBRARY TABLES
—BOOKCASES
—SMOKING STANDS
—SEWING TABLES
—MATTRESSES
—ROCKERS
—DAVENPORTS
—DUOFOLDS
—FOOTSTOOLS
—COUCHES
—SEWING CHAIRS
—MIRRORS
—DESKS
—SECTIONAL CASES
—CHINA CABINETS
—STEEL BEDS
—BED SPRINGS
—STEEL COUCHES
—FLOOR LAMPS
—TABLE PADS
—CARD TABLES
—MUSIC CABINETS
—MAGAZINE RACKS
—PEDESTALS
—CHILDREN'S CHAIRS
—CEDAR CHESTS
—COSTUMERS
—CARRIAGES
—IRONING BOARDS
—DINING CHAIRS
—HIGH CHAIRS
—BUFFETS
—CHIFFONIERS
—DRESSING TABLES
—CHIFFOROBES
—MAHOGANY LAMPS

Maryville Furniture Co.

J. E. BAILEY, Manager.

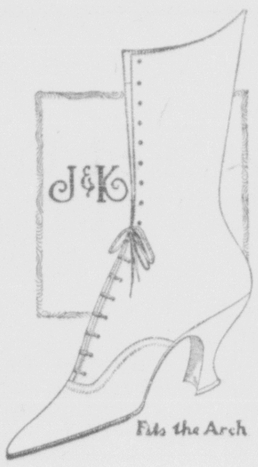
EMBALMING UNDERTAKING

Gifts of Usefulness

—for the—

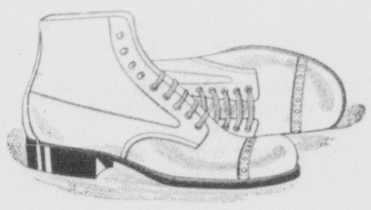
Whole Family

If you want to give something actually useful, and something that really means something to the one who receives it, what could be more appropriate or timely than the gift of shoes? You can't think of anyone to whom such a present would not bring real joy. We have—



For Men—
—COMFY SLIPPERS
—DRESS SHOES
—STREET SHOES
—AUTO BOOTS
—RUBBERS

For Women—
—HOUSE SLIPPERS
—DRESS SHOES
—WORK SHOES
—OVERSHOES
—RUBBERS



For Boys—
—SHOES
—OVERSHOES
—LEGGINS

For Girls—
—SHOES
—SLIPPERS
—LEGGINS

Montgomery Shoe Co
THE FAMILY SHOE STORE

Townsend's

Fourth and Main Cash Grocery

We are Quoting Prices for

Tuesday and Wednesday

See us First for Christmas Candies and Nuts. Best Assortment and Plenty of All.

48 lb sacks Maney's Pennant Flour $2.60

24 lb sacks Maney's Pennant Flour $1.30

24 lb sacks Maney's Best Flour $1.35

8c bars P & G White Naptha Soap, 5 for 28c—10 for 55c

6 bars Pearl White or Bob White Soap for 25c

10 lbs New Pinto Beans $1.00

8 lbs Navy Beans $1.00

Fancy Quality Peas, No. 2 cans 12c

Sugar Corn, No. 2 cans 11c

No. 2 cans best tomatoes 9c

80c doz for 6 oz cans Milk.

Golden Wedding Coffee (bulk), 2 lbs for 55c

Straight Rio bulk coffee, per lb 15c

10 lb sack corn meal and 5 lb sack sugar for 85c

Libby's high grade Mince Meat, 2 lbs for 35c

Best condensed Mince Meat per pkg 10c

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* CHRISTMAS TREES, HOLLY *
* WREATHS, BULK HOLLY, *
* MISTLE TOE ,etc. *
* in good supply and prices *
* moderate. *

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Seafoam Washing Powder, 30c pkgs 22c

Seafoam Washing Powder, 8c pkgs 5c

Sunbright Cleanser, 3 cans 10c

Peet Bros. Borax Washing Powder, per pkg 4c

Ben Hur Coap Chips, large pkgs 8c

25c cans Sani Flush 19c

Fresh oysters, extra selects, pint 40c

Fresh oysters, extra selects, gal cans $2.40

Tobasco Sauce, 45c bottles 35c

Beech Nut table vinegar, 40c bottles for 25c

Pepper Sause, per bottle 10c

Snider's Oyster Cocktail Sauce, large bottle 25c

Best Salad Dressing, bottle 30c

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* We can please you on our big *
* line of Fancy Cheese, Bulk or *
* Bottle Olives, Marischino Cher- *
* ries, Candied Peels, Figs, Dates, *
* Citron, etc. Send your orders *
* here for the best in Fancy Gro- *
* ceries. *

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Christmas cigars, specially packed at no advance in price.

Cigarettes by the carton at low prices for best brands.

Velvet or Prince Albert Tobacco in handsome glass humidors — Christmas packages.

Prince Albert in 60c tin humidors — Jimmie Pipe FREE.

Bull Durham Tobacco in handsome Christmas packages containing 12 sacks for 60c

Libby's Best Sliced Pine Apple, No. 2 cans for 20c

Large cans finest Calif. yellow peaches in heavy syrup 25c

Macaroni or Spaghetti, 3 pkgs 25c

Iowa Pride sliced bacon, 16 oz boxes, net weight 50c

Cured Hams, per lb 28c

Cured shoulders, per lb 24c

Sugar cured bacon, nice cuts, lb 40c

Fresh sausage, pure pork, home made, lb 25c

Calif. Naval oranges, (new crop just in) extra large (96's), each 5c
medium size (150's), each 4c

Fairbank's Glycerine Toilet Soap, each cake wrapped in foil and cartoned, 6 for 25c

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* NOTICE— *
* We are today in receipt follow- *
* ing instructions from U. S. Food *
* Administration at Washington *
* regarding sale of sugar and flour *
* —same effective at once. *
* Sell to customers living in city, *
* 2 to 5 lbs sugar only. *
* Sell to customers living in rural *
* districts 5 to 10 lbs sugar only. *
* Sell to customers within city *
* 24 to 48 lbs Flour only. *
* Sell to customers in rural dis- *
* tricts 48 to 96 lbs Flour only. *
* We are assured that after De- *
* cember the movement of sugar *
* will increase considerably, as the *
* new crop will then be available. *

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Townsend's

U. S. Food Liscense Number G 06758

SUGARLESS CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Syrups May Be Substituted for All But Cream Candies

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 17.—Sugarless candy is suggested as the solution of the problem of celebrating Christmas in the usual way and still complying with the request of the food administration to conserve the sugar supply.

Miss Louise Stanley of the University of Missouri says syrups may be substituted entirely for the sugar in any candies except cream candies. She suggests taffy and popcorn balls made with the use of sorghum or corn syrup for Christmas.

Warwick Hotel
St. Louis
Rates $1.50 to $3.00
FIFTEENTH AND LOCUST STS.
New, Fireproof. Every room with private bath, circulating ice water, electric fan, telephone.
JAMES E. BUCHANAN, Pres. and Mgr.

THE WOMAN CAR CONDUCTOR

She Made Her First Appearance Yesterday on St. Louis Street Cars Bossing Strap-Hangers

St. Louis, Dec. 17. — The woman street car conductor made her first appearance here Saturday. A training school of the United Railways company opened Saturday, and as scon as the women have completed a sixteen days' course and pass an examination they will go on the job bossing strap-hangers.

The women "jitney collectors" will receive the same wages as the men and no men will be discharged to make places for the women who, however, will fill vacancies as they occur.

The company already has given up several hundred men to the army and navy and future drafts are expected to make greater drains on the force.

Bob Simpson Is War Teacher.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 17.—Lieutenant Robert I. Simpson, champion hurdler of the world, who was graduated in agriculture at the University of Missouri last June, has been ordered to Camp Lewis, near Seattle, Wash., to assist in training drafted men. Simpson, whose home is at Bosworth, Mo., received his commission at Fort Sheridan recently.

3-YEAR WEDDINGS IN FRANCE AFTER WAR?

A PROBLEM TO FIND HUSBANDS FOR THE YOUNG WOMEN

A NEW PLAN IS EVOLVED

Legalized Polygamy is Proposed for a Certain Period and is Sponsored by Well Known Men

Paris, Dec. 15. (By Mail). — While controversy still rages around the problem of providing husbands for the young women of France after the war, French psychologists and economists have indignantly rejected any suggestion of the adoption of the principle of "ersatz" or substitute marriages as put forth in Germany.

Without exactly suggesting an application of the law of "ten years of polygamy," proclaimed by the German princes at the conclusion of the Thirty Years' War, Professor Karl Fage, of Cologne, has evolved a plan of an "ersatz marriage" which he declares should be countenanced by the authorities if the German citizens killed off by the war are to be replaced and the nation to be repopulated.

In his pamphlet on the subject Professor Fage declared the problem incapable of solution through the simple expedient of a campaign against bachelors which would give no results. Therefore, he declares, the only way is to attract the young men of the country to the women of marriageable age, but only such young men as are already possessed of a wife. Obviously there will be insufficient husbands for the numerous maidens, all of whom are entitled to their inalienable right of becoming wives and mothers. Consequently it is necessary that women of all classes who have passed a certain age shall not only be authorized by law to contract an "ersatz marriage," but shall be encouraged in the search for a husband who appeals personally to them.

The object of their affections may not be other than a man who has a wife and then only with the consent of his legitimate wife. The mothers of any offspring of such marriages are to have the right to a special insignia of their patriotic sentiments and of "an alliance closer than that of legitimate marriage." Such "marriages" may be dissolved, if the contracting parties so wish, upon the birth of a child. To be doubly sure that the "marriages would not be looked down upon the originator of the idea declares it should also have the hearty support of the clergy, whose adhesion to the principles outlined should also be proclaimed by the Government.

"There," declares Pierre Mille, a widely known French writer, "is the unmistakable Germanic touch. The Government is to be called in to regulate the clergy in their opinions, to reform and remould the human mind, to recreate the instincts that have been born into each human being. Everyone knows that the question of husbands for our young girls is a serious one for France, a question that is almost impossible of honorable solution. Our respect for honorable traditions and our idealism forbid that we touch upon or interfere with the marriage state.

"It would appear that in Germany the only duty one may ever recognize is to obey the dictates of the Government. The imperial directions are to be imposed upon man's most intimate life, upon his religion. The Kaiser is to discern between vice and virtue. The reasoning is so brutally German that it merely resolves itself into the following: "We, the German military party, who, with the Emperor, by divine right are the masters of the German Empire, judge it fit and proper to institute polygamy. Thus the clergy must preach polygamy.'"

At the same time a tremendous campaign has been carried on here by Dr. D. Robert De Simone, an Italian physician, who was Dr. Alexis Carel's assistant at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, and who has gained considerable fame both as an author and a playwright, for the introduction of and the legalizing of "contract marriages" for a period of three years. Dr. De Simone has asserted in numerous articles in the press that such a solution of France's problem is not only possible but practicable.

Christmas Millinery

For one week, beginning December 18 — we will place on sale every trimmed winter hat in the house for

$3.50 each

Strictly Cash—no approvals. These are Bargains worth while.

E. Ashford & Company

Complain Direct

At times we hear indirectly that some person or other is complaining about some matter of service. As we have stated before, we cannot always operate our service to perfection, that is impossible, but when something is wrong come or phone direct to our office and we will do our best to remedy conditions. Reporting to your friends or neighbors or even to our workmen will not bring you relief, as such messages rarely reach headquarters.

We realize you are paying for service, not kilowatts, and we want you to have your money's worth. Satisfied customers bring more patronage and we need this patronage to prosper.

Remember that any interruption to service is a direct loss to us in revenue and often an expense to repair and so we take special care to avoid such interruptions, which are really more annoying to us than to our patrons.

Maryville Electric Light and Power Company

Empire Theatre Building
Maryville, Mo.

NO CHRISTMAS FURLOUGHS

War Department Order Gives Disappointment to Men at Funston Who Expected Holiday Leave

Camp Funston, Dec. 17.—The last hopes of the men of the Eighty-ninth division who had expected to go home for the Christmas holiday in spite of the rumors that no furloughs were to be issued have been stilled by the receipt of official word from Washington that all men should remain at camp.

Originally the announcement was made by division headquarters that ten per cent of each unit would be granted Christmas leave, selecting those to go from the ones who had not gone home for Thanksgiving and who had good records. The stipulatin was also made that round trip tickets must also be shown before furloughs would be given.

The result was excellent behavior to qualify and a general restriction of the usual free spending of the pay handed out a few days ago. Attention is now centered on the Christmas celebration and the receipt of Christmas packages.

The program for the afternoon is complete with sack races, centipede races, jousting contests, tug-of-war, push-ball game, turkey shoots, bronco busting, roping and tying contests.

Real Estate Transfers.

List of instruments filed in the recorder's office in Nodaway county, Missouri, beginning December 8, 1917.

Samuel Griffey to John W. Kirkbride, pt SE 3, pt SW SW 2, 64, 34; $3750.

Mathew G. Burck, to Willia W. Snively, S½ SW, 33, 67, 36; $9600.

Charley E. Owens to George W. Meyers, pt block 6, Skidmore, $1.00.

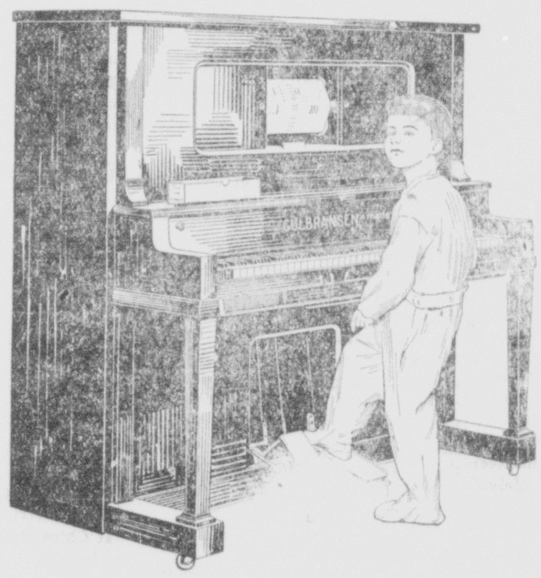
Charles H. Newcomb to Harry T. West, E½ SW, 7, 65, 33; $10,000.

Charles M. Eggers to William Scrivner, lots 5 and 6, block 21, Hopkins; $2600.

Why Pay More and Get Less?

This GULBRANSEN-made
(Pronounced Gul-bran-sen)

Player Piano



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"SUBURBAN" Model.

FREE TRIAL **$395** 10 Year Guaranty

Genuine Mahogany, Walnut or Fumed Oak
Divided Payment if You Wish

The FIRST thing we want to impress upon you, about this Gulbransen-made Player Piano, is — its QUALITY.

The LAST thing also is — its QUALITY.

The price has nothing to do with the matter, except that it enables you to own a QUALITY instrument without depriving yourself of other things that you might feel unable to afford if you should pay $600 or $700 or $1,000 for some other Player Piano.

This is a FACT:

If you gave $600 or $700 for a different make of Player Piano, you probably WOULDN'T GET AS MUCH PLAYER QUALITY as you'll find in this Gulbransen-made Player Piano at $395.

Why can Overland, Ford or Maxwell sell a good car for less than the small assembler asks? You know the answer?

The factory producing the Player Piano you've been asked to pay $700 for probably is nothing but a Piano factory. It may be only an assembling shop, buying ready-made parts and putting them together. And its output of Player Pianos may be less than 500 instruments per year.

The great Gulbransen-Dickinson Co. plant manufactures Player Pianos COMPLETE—both the piano part and the player part—and finishes MANY THOUSANDS in the course of a year.

Why not encourage efficieney? Anyway, INVESTIGATE!

Mail the Coupon **Both Phones**

Landon Music Company:

Please send me art catalog of Gulbransen-made Player Pianos, also booklet, "How to Judge a Player Piano," and Bargain List of Used Pianos and Players from $75 up.

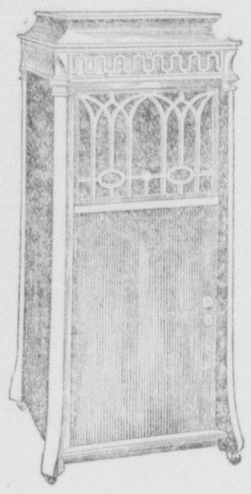
Name.....

Address.....

Landon Music Company

North Main Street—Maryville, Mo.

Give An Edison *for* Christmas



IF WE TOLD YOU—

That out of a brain that comes to a nation but once in a generation there has come after years of toil—a master mind that has given to the world — more inventive genius than could reasonably have been expected from a dozen men in a genration—A mind that took the Tallow Candle Candle and turned it into a Mazda Lamp—That has given work to a hundred thousand in producing the movies—and pleasure to a hundred million in seeing them —That took Talking Machine and turned it into a Musical Instrument—so that we actually have "Real Music at Last" — you wouldn't believe it—

—YET IT'S TRUE

The one Phonograph that reproduces the voice of the artist. No needles to change — unbreakable records.

It plays other records, but always plays the superb Edison records best.

Koch Pharmacy
Licensed Dealers

Society and Clubland

BY MISS LUTA MOODY
Hanamo 42. Farmers 114

Calendar.

TUESDAY—The M. I. Circle will hold their Christmas social at the home of Mrs. Omer Catterson. Committee: Mrs. VadaHalley , Mrs. J. E. Melvin and Mrs. J. W. Ray.

The Tourist Department of the Twentieth Century Club will meet with Mrs. C. D. Bellows.

WEDNESDAY — The I. X. L. Club will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. A. Peery.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church meets. The Christmas box ist o be sent away to the Orphan's Home.

THURSDAY — The motion picture, "Knights of the Square Table," by the Boy Scouts at Christian church tonight.

Mission Circle Meeting.

The Mission Circle of the Christian church met Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Egley. Miss Fannie Hope was the leader and the following splendid program was given. Bible study, Ruth, Mrs. Harold Bellows. The emigrant was discussed as follows: Oriental, Mrs. H. P. Swinehart; Mexican, Miss Jessie Bent; European, Mrs. Arch Frank. Mrs. J. E. Bailey sang a solo. There were thirty members and two visitors present, Mrs. George Stafford and Mrs. L. R. Zahm were the assistant hostesses. Light refreshments were served during the social hour.

Sunday Dinner Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trullinger entertained at dinner yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Evans and Miss Nellie Trullinger.

Mrs. Holmes Hostess.

The Saturday Evening Bridge Club met Saturday night with Mrs. Hosick Holmes. Misses Lenore and Rose Schumacher were guests of the club. The favor for high score was won by Mrs. Cleav Funk. Refreshments were served and were aerried out in the Christmas colors.

Rebekahs Elect Officers.

Alert Rebekah Lodge elected the following officers for the ensuing six months last Thursday evening: Noble grand, Miss Eva Manley; vice grand, Mrs. Anna Stauble; secretary, Mrs. Nettie Warren; treasurer, Mrs. Docia Howland. The installation will take place at a meeting in January.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Dilts entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Frank Popham, who is home on a ten-day furlough from Camp Funston. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Ellsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Popham, Leslie Popham, Miss Birdie Popham, Miss Pearl Archer, Henry Ellsworth, Mrs. Peter K. Brown and Paul Dilts. Mr. Popham will return to Camp Funston tomorrow.

Entertained at Sunday Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sipes entertained at dinner yesterday the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Culver, Mrs. James McVey and son, Charles, Miss Georgia Gilliland of Stanberry, Miss May Pressman, Chas. Ellis of Camp Dodge and Noah Sipes. After the dinner Mr. Culver, who was at home on a short furlough from Camp Funston, returned to camp, being driven to Ravenwood by H. C. Todd.

Annual Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers of the W. R. C. was held Saturday afternoon. Mrs. L. L. Holbrook and Mrs. J. S. Miller were re-elected as president and conductress respectively, and others elected were: Senior vice, Mrs. Henry Eckert; junior vice, Mrs. M. E. Farrar; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Hook; Chaplain, Mrs. G. Olney; assistant Chaplain, Mrs. eGorge Null; guard, Mrs. Fidelia Gerhart; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Black; press correspondent, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin; flag bearers, Mrs. George Ingerson, Mrs. John Herron, Mrs Mary Gault and Mrs. Maier; musician, Mrs. Lafe Dawson.

I. B. Williams to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Gilson of St. Joseph announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Helen Rebekah, to Mr. Ira Byrum Williams of King City, Mo. Thewedding will take place Thursday, Dec. 27. Both the bride-elect and Mr. Williams are well known in Maryville, the former having attended the Normal school and the latter having been an employe at the Democrat-Forum office for several years.

ASTHMA
There is no "cure" but relief is often brought by—
Keep a Little Body-Guard in Your Home

VICKS VAPORUB

"TWO DARK NIGHTS"

ALL UNNECESSARY LIGHTS MUST BE CUT OUT TWICE A WEEK

THURSDAY AND SUNDAY

New Government Order is Expected to Help in Conservation of Coal —Some Lights Excepted

Maryville failed last night to observe the first "lightless" night ordered by the fuel administration. All street lights, unnecessary window and electric signs blazed brightly until the usual time for turning them out.

Two "lightless" nights a week were ordered last Friday by the government fuel administration, the nights designated being Sunday and Thursday. The order requires that all city white ways and advertising signs be darkened, only necessar ystreet lights used and only such lights as the law requires in offices and stores not open for business.

The new order replaces one which became effective November 9 for the dimming of electric displays, which the administration says has been a failure. It is counted upon not only to effect a substantial saving of coal but, as the announcement says, "to provide startling visual evidence that the United States is engaged in the conduct of the greatest of world wars."

The only exceptions apply to lights used for governmental purposes by the United States government or the government of any state and street lights used by any city or town.

The state fuel administrators are directed and authorized to see that the publications of the order are scrupulously observed, and letters received by the administration from firms supplying illuminated signs and from manufacturers, merchants, motion picture and other concerns, which make lareg use of such signs, are said to give assurance that the new order will become fully effective without resort to prosecution.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT

Mrs. Jennie Riffle Hal Lived in Maryville Thirty-Five Years — Funeral Awaits Relative's Arrival

Mrs. Jennie Alma Riffel, a resident of Maryville for thirty-five years died at 8:30 o'clock this morning after a short illness. No arrangements have been made for the funeral awaiting the arrival of relatives.

Mrs. Riffel was 65 years old. Her husband, John L. Riffel, died about ten years ago. Four children survived Carl and Alma Riffel, at home; Miss Gertrude Riffel, a trained nurse at Chicago; and O. E. Riffel of Stockton, Kans.

W. H. West and family were among the Christmas shoppers here today.

Pat Lyons came over from Conception today on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks were down from Orrsburg today visiting with friends.

Earl McDonald was over from his home at Quitman today looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen and children were in from Bedison today doing some Christmas shopping.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

This Store Not Open Evenings

6-More Days-6

In Which To Do Your Christmas Shopping

For this final wind-up we are offering many special bargains. ¶In order to reduce our stock before invoicing (as we invoice between Christmas and New Years) we want our stock as low as possible, therefore *THESE BIG BARGAINS*

DRESSES—

Every dress in our house greatly reduced.
All party dresses now 20 per cent off.
All serge dresses, including women's and children's, will be closed out this week at exactly Half Price.

SUITS—

Your choice of any suit in our store at exactly Half Price.

CLOAKS—

One lot of children's cloaks, worth up to $7.50 now only $3.98.
One big lot of children's coats, worth up to $10, now only $6.98.
Your choice of any ladies' coat in our store now at 20 per cent off.

FURS—

Why not give her a nice set of our furs for Christmas? We are now selling all our furs at 10 per cent off.

SKIRTS—

One rack full of ladies' skirts, worth up to $7.50, now only $3.98.
Your choice of any other skirt in the house at 20 per cent off.

KIMONOS—

Any woman would be greatly pleased with one of our beautiful silk kimonos, from $5.00 to $15.00 each.

CAP AND SCARF SETS—

These would make very useful and appreciated gifts, a beautiful assortment of styles and colors from $1.19 to $2.98 per set.
Caps 25c to 98c.
Scarfs 50c to $5.00.

SILK HOSIERY—

Where is a woman who ever had too many silk hose? She will appreciate these.
Phoenix silk hose 90c and $1.25.
Kayser Silk Hose up to $2.00 a pair.
Burlington Silk Hose at 50c, 75c, $1.00 and up to $2.00 pair.

HANDKERCHIEFS—

These always make acceptable gifts. When you don't know what to give, give handkerchiefs.
Embroidered handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c each
All silk crepe de chine handkerchiefs, a large assortment of patterns and colors each only 24c.

SILK UNDERWEAR—

This beautiful flesh color, dainty silk underwear will make very handsome and appreciated gifts. We show a large variety in teddy bears, camisoles, skirts, corset covers and gowns.

KID GLOVES—

Orlando kid gloves in white, black and gray, pair only $2.20.
Virginia kid gloves in white, black, tan and gray only $2.40 pair.

Haines

The only spot cash and one-price dry goods store in Nodaway County.

NEW CIRCUIT COURT SUITS

Defendant in Margaret Graham Case Appeals to Higher Court

Three suits were filed today in the circuit clerk's office for the January term of circuit court. Harvey E. Bradley is suing Samuel Robbins for $144, the petition claiming this amount to be due as commission in negotiating a sale of land for Robbins.

C. L. Gann, trustee for the estate of Charles H. Roach, is suing T. H. Roach for $4,900, the petition alleging this sum of money was turned over on July 7, 1917, and rightfully belongs to the estate. Roach was declared a bankrupt in bankruptcy court in St. Joseph last summer.

The case of Margaret E. Graham against the estate of John A. Johnson, deceased, was appealed from probate court to circuit court by the defendant. The case was recently tried in porbate court, the plaintiff winning a judgment for $1000.

M. P. Ross, collector for White Cloud township and Clyde Goodpasture, assessor of Hughes township were business visitors here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown and family of Burlington Junction were shopping here today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Garrett of Clearmont were shopping in the city today. They expect to go to Florida soon to spend the remainder of the winter.

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Will Leave Friday.

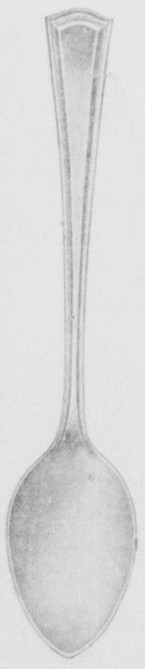
Mrs. W .L. Buckland and daughter, Grace Delight, who have been visiting Mrs. Buckland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray, will leave Friday for their home in Springfield, aMss.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Turner of Barnard came up to do some of their holiday shopping today and to visit with friends.

Receives Christmas Letters.

Mrs. C. Vilas Martin, head of the Christmas committee of the National Surgical Dressings association, which sent gifts to each of the Nodaway county boys who are in army service abroad, has received acknowledgment letters from Dean Bailey, Bryan Sells, Emmett Sturm, Carl Groves, Fred Rusk and Roy David. These boxes were shipped the early part of November and the soldiers were very much delighted both with the contents of the boxes and the remembrance from the Nodaway home folks.

Miss Mildred Bellows, who is attending Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., will return Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bellows.



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—$5.00 for six Salad Forks
—$3.50 for six Oyster Forks
—$8.25 for six Dessert Knives, H. H.
—$5.00 for six Dessert Forks
—$8.75 for six Medium Knives H. H.
—$5.50 for six Medium Forks
—$1.50 for Cream Ladle
—$2.25 for Gravy Ladle

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—Razor Strops	—Aluminum Ware	—Nut Picks and Crackers
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—Chafing Dishes	—Shaving Brushes	—Roller Skates
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This Is the Giver's Store.

WHAT RED CROSS WORKERS ARE DOING

Kate Schenck

The Red Cross headquarters will be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week on account of the Christmas holidays, and they will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 1918.

Calendar.

All afternoon meetings begin at 2:30 o'clock, and the evening meetings at 7 o'clock.

Monday afternoon the Baptist and Christian Mission Circle auxiliaries meet.

Tuesday afternoon the W. R. C. and the Christian church auxiliaries meet.

Wednesday afternoon the Shakespeare and the Hospital auxiliaries meet.

Thursday afternoon the Methodist Missionary society meets.

Friday afternoon the D. A. R. and the Methodist church South auxiliaries meet.

Friday night the Evening auxiliary meets.

Wounded Europe raps at your door this week. Do not shut it in her face. The voice of your boy, or your neighbor's boy will call to you for help. Do not let him go unanswered. The Christmas campaign for Red Cross membership started today. The Red Cross wants ten million new members by December 25. It costs one dollar to join, an extra dollar if you want the Red Cross magazine for a year. Over 100 persons will give all of their time and energy to the soliciting of memberships December 17, 18 and 19. It is little you do when you have your dollar or two dollars ready for them when they call.

Send in Large Supplies.

The Church and Club auxiliary of Pickering, with Mrs. J. C. Carmichael captain, the Lasher auxiliary, Mrs. James Stevenson, captain, and the Country Club auxiliary, Mrs. William Jobe captain, each sent in a large supply of finished work Saturday.

Mutual Auxiliary Helps.

Mrs. W. G. Carpenter and Miss Arvilla Staples brought in an excellent lot of surgical dressings to headquarters Thursday, the work of the Mutual auxiliary of Burlington Junction.

Ship Out Week's Work.

The regular shipment Saturday from the Red Cross headquarters included 1724 surgical dressings and 163 knitted garments, which represented the week's work o ftheauxiliaries, with the exception of the hospital garments. A large number of these are finished but the shipment will be held until there is a full dozen of each kind to send.

Conception Auxiliary Formed.

The Conception auxiliary was organized last week with Mrs. J. F. Pfeiffer, captain, and Mrs. C. N. Williams, secretary. Mrs. C. C. Steiger of Ravenwood will be the instructor and the first working meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon.

Is 96-Year-Old Knitter.

Mrs. Fred Jamison vistied at Oskaloosa, Iowa, last week, and one of the friends she visited was Mrs. Sarah Carnahan, formerly of this city. Mrs. Carnahan is now 96 years old and is one of the busiest Red Cross workers in the town. She knits almost constantly for the soldiers and has made many pieces which were perfectly finished.

Attends Conference.

A social service workers' conference is being held in St. Joseph today under the direction of Miss Bettie Turner of this city and Miss Lena Parrott of St. Joseph. Dr. F. R. Anthony, Nodaway county chairman, and others from here are in attendance. Miss Turner has just completed a six weeks' training course in social service work at the department school in St. Louis and will have charge of the work in this section.

Normal Girls at Work.

An excellent work has been carried on for the past two and one-half months by the Y. W. C. A. of the Normal in their garment making for the French orphans and war refugees. Since October 1 they have shipped out 124 garments to the American Fund for French Wounded with headquarters at 29 West 23rd Street, New York City. Another box with fifty garments will be ready to send this week. They have collected in money $52.40, and have received a few donations of materials from persons besides students. The work is not confined to the members of the "Y" only, but all girls of the school can help and are urged to do so. Likewise anyone in the city is privileged to help with materials or money if they would like. Miss Marie Alcorn is president of the Y. W. C. A. and Miss Ella Moore chairman of the garment workers.

Enjoys Missouri Cob Pipe.

The following letter was received by Mrs. Vilas Martin from Dean Bailey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bailey of Quitman, and was mailed from "somewhere in England" November 8, on receipt of his Christmas box: "Receive dthe first mail yesterday have had for the last three weeks and with it came the wonderful box from the N. S. D. U. Can hardly tell you how welcome a Christmas box it was. My squadron is here in England, at present training under the Royal Flying Unit. It is almost impossible to buy American tobacco here in England. Had to let all the N. C. Os in the hut with me smoke my pipe. They all voted that a Missour corn cob pipe was hard to beat. We hope to be flying over the German lines before long. Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,
CORPORAL A. D. BAILEY.
34th Aero Squadron,
U. S. Expeditionary Forces.

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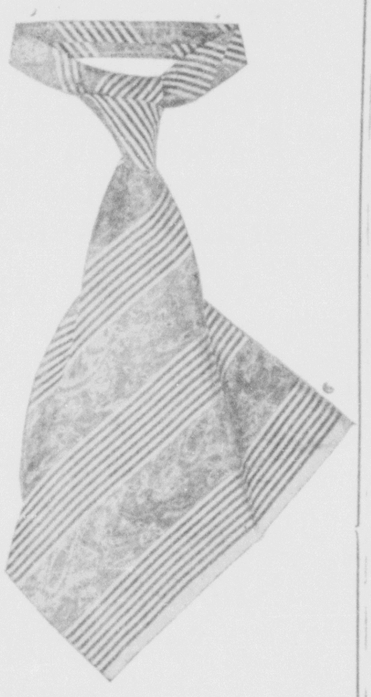
Christmas Neckwear

You can give nothing which will be appreciated more than a nice neck tie.

We have a very large assortment of new ties in all colors and patterns.

25c to $1.00



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Why Not Make it a Lamp?

A tall, stately piano lamp—one with a mahogany standard or one in the new Japanese laquer finish, and an all silk shade off attractive design.

Prices range from.....$13.25 to $27.50

We also have a fine line of table lamps in the newest styles and designs—
from.....$8.95 to $14.50

If you are looking for a gift that will give lasting pleasure, come in today and look over this line.

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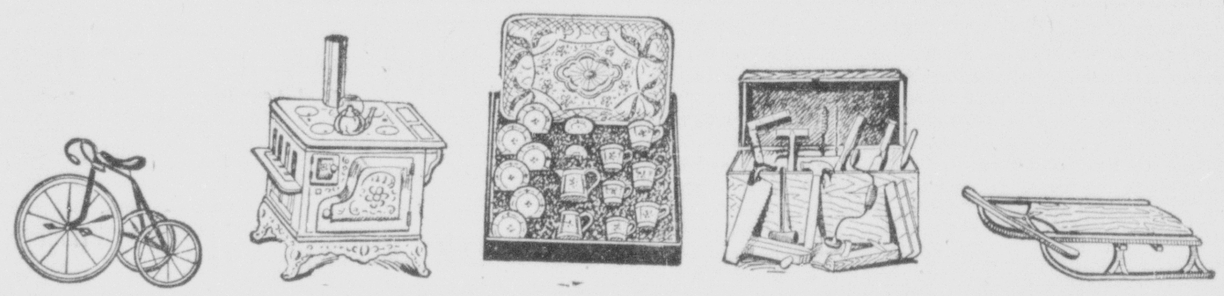
The Store of the Christmas Spirit

Santa's Toyland

Bring The Kiddies to Santa's Toyland in our Home Furnishings Department—in the basement. We have collected this year a wonderful assortment of all kinds of Toys that will gladden the heart of any child,



It is a wonderful year, this Christmas, to make it a children's Christmas. Even though our hearts are a bit sad and our thoughts are afar off, we must not forget those for whom the day of Christmas is primarily intended —the Children. The shadow of the present crisis must not fall upon their happiness of this day. Keep up the Christmas spirit for the children's sake—for such He asked should come to him.

Doll Buggies for the little girls—metal frames, will fold up, leatherette top, rubber tires, 27 inches high, each $2
Doll Buggy—wooden box, leatherette top that will fold up, metal frame, rubber tires, 25 inches high, at each $3.00
Other Doll Carriages, at.....50c to $5.00

TOYLAND FURNITURE FACTORY

The most fascinating, instructive and enjoyable construction toy furniture—each piece so machined that they fit snugly—no pins or screws are required to hold pieces together.

They all come knocked down — there are arm chairs, rocking chairs, davenports, tables, beds and cradles.
Large size—29c each or 3 for...75c
Small size—19c each or 3 for...50c

Kitchen Cabinets, containing assortment of kitchen supplies, hard wood, oak finish, special at each..... 39c

Other Kitchen Cabinets at 75c to $2

DOLL BEDS—Folding wire, brass lacquered, trimmed in beautiful silkoline—a bed that will not go to pieces, at each....50c to $2.00

PIANOS—'Schoenhut' baby grand and upright styles, each $1 to $3

TOY DISHES—16 piece set of tin dishes, fancy painted, medium large, set 50c

Other tin ,china, granite and aluminum sets of dishes at 15c to $3.50

HUMPTY DUMPTY CIRCUS—in which appear Humpty and Dumpty and Cracker-jack, the clowns; Hobo, the tramp; Jumbo, the elephant; Jack, the donkey; the intelligent, trained Hose, and the Poodle, with ladders, barrels, hoops, chairs, flags, etc., 1001 astonishing tricks. Priced at.....69c to $5.00

HOBBY HORSES

Good strong wooden horse, cretonne covered saddle, natural hair, mane and tail, mounted on rocker, a special value at, each $1.75
Shoo Flys at.....$1.00 to $2.00

SLEDS

Say Boys! Have you seen our Buffalo Racers? They are the real coasters and easy to guide, priced at..$1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2 and $2.50

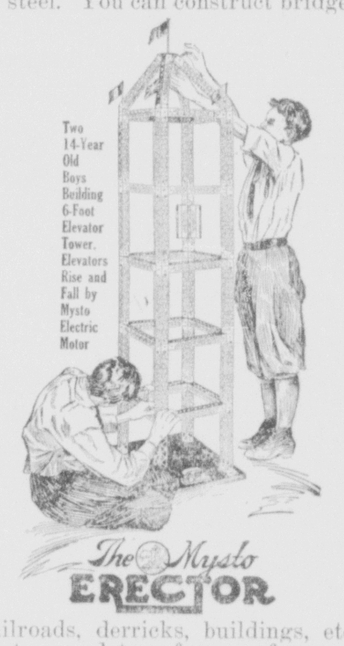
OTHER TOYS

Here is a partial list of other toys here assembled:
Chairs and Rockers..$1.00 to $1.75
Charlie Chaplin surprise box...25c
Toy Telephones 25c
Naval War Toys—submarine and dreadnaught.....50c to $1.00
Toy Cannons.....75c, $1 and $1.50
Red Cross Ambulance.....75c
Onija oard — Egyptian luck board each.....85c to $1.00
Other A B C blocks,at..25c to $1.00
Black Boards.....15c to $1.00
Penny Register Banks.....75c
Dime Register Banks.....$1.25
Doll Trunks....50c $1.00 and $1.75
Various Mechanic Toys 25c to $1.50
Toy Ranges.....10c to $4.00
Rubber Balls.....15c to 39c
Checker Boards.....25c to 50c
Game Boards.....10c to $1.00
Sandy Andy.....50c to $1.00
Panama Pile Driver.....$1.00
Kiddie Kars..$1.00, $2.00 and $3.00
B B Guns.....50c to $1.00
Tinker Toys 50c
Uniforms.....50c to $1.25
Musical Instruments....25c to $1.00
Frantz Premier Toy Vacuum...50c
Doll Ber Room Sets....35c to $2.00
Train on Track.....$1.25 to $3.50
Tricycles.....$3.25 to $4.50

ERECTORS

Hello Boys! Do you own an Erector set? If you do not you have no idea what a lot of fun you are missing.

The real structural steel toy — each piece stamped accurately out of steel. You can construct bridges,



railroads, derricks, buildings, etc., Motors and transformers for operating on electric lights.
Erector Sets at, each..50c to $10.00
Supply Cabinet—where you may purchase separate parts and add to your set.
Electric Motors and Electric Sets that are very moderately priced.

DOLLS

Dolls that will please any of the little girls. And there must be a doll among the gifts for girls.

U. S. ART DOLLS

Real life studies of American Kids, Indian, Chinaman, Clown, and European Peasant Children. Made in U. S. A.
Unbreakable and the real lovable kind, at each.....$1.00 to $2.50

CHARACTER NATURE BABIES

Look just like real babies and will please even the larger folks, priced at.....69c to $5.00
Rag Dolls—Cow Boy, Indian and other types, at each 25c
Doll Wigs at.....50c
China Heads, at each.....15c to 29c
Teddy Bears, Fife Kitties, Tubby Dogs—50c to $1.50

See our display of dolls in the east aisle.

Open Friday, Saturday and Monday Nights

In compliance with Fuel Administrator Garfield's fuel order—lightless nights, we will remain closed at night until Friday night.

On Friday and Saturday nights this week, and Monday night, next week, this store will be open for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Give Basford's Cigars for Christmas

MARTELLUS—
In boxes of 25 specially wrapped for Christmas Gift.

BASFORD'S HAND MADE—
In tin box of 25.....$1.50

BASFORD'S PANETELAS—
Per box of 50.....$2.25

LITTLE MARTELLUS—
50 cigars in box.....$2.25

For Sale at All Dealers

Let's Help These Heroic Women!

It is woman's most ancient and tender instinct to provide food for her loved ones..

Not only in France, but in England and all through Central Europe, women are working in the fields.

They are the mothers, wives, sisters, sweethearts of the soldiers.

Their men are in the trenches and their children at home are in desperate need of food..

But even their most heroic efforts will not ward off starvation.

Their labor cannot possibly win sufficient food from the blood-soaked acres they till.

They depend upon you farmers to help them feed their families.

They wept for pure joy when the word was flashed across the water that America had taken up arms.

It is our war, now—it is your war, as well as theirs.

To win this war is the big business of the nation.

Everything else is subordinate and non-essential.

The responsibility of feeding our allies rests on you, farmers of America.

The giant spectre of famine is striding over half a continent, and only you can banish it.

Our weakened allies must be fed, and only you can feed them.

Wake up, you farmers, and do your part—for there is nobody else under heaven to do it.

Organize your farm and your neighborhood for maximum production.

Do not listen to the spies and whisperers and sedition mongers who try to hold your hands.

It was these secret treacheries that disrupted Russia and weakened Italy.

It must not be permitted to disrupt and weaken America.

Your work must be done, and if you have to skimp a little in conserving food, if you have to contribute of your money, if you have to toil for extra hours—these things are trifles.

Think of the men in the trenches and the women that work like oxen, and be thankful that you have the blessed privilege of doing your bit to help win this war.—Farm Life.

OLD PAPERS FOR SALE—5c per bundle. Call at this office.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

LEARN DRAFT LAW,

EVERY REGISTRANT REQUIRED TO KNOW ITS REGULATIONS

FORMER LAW REVOKED

Failure to Report on Questionnaire Will Result in Loss of All Right Under the New Ruling

Provost Marshal General Enoch H. Crowder has called attention to the fact that every man registered for the selective draft or who should have registered June 5 is charged with knowing the law and the regulations governing its enforcement. The law on the subject follows:

"The rules and regulations have the force and effect of law, and all registrants and all persons required by the selective service law and these rules and regulations to be registered, and all persons claiming or to claim any right or privilege in respect to any registrant are charged with knowledge of the provisions hereof. Failure of any registrant or by any person required to be registered, to perform any duty prescribed by the selective service law or by these rules and regulations, whether or not the time of the performance of such duty is required by these rules and regulations to be posted or entered in the records of the local or district board, and whether or not formal notice is required by these rules and regulations to be given (such as registering and reporting change of status and other duties), is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for one year and may result in loss of valuable rights and privileges and immediate induction into the military service; and such failure shall also be considered as a waiver of any right or privilege which might have existed in favor of such person if he had performed such duty.

Status of Exempted Men.

"Many inquiries have been made of the department as to the present status of the men who have hitherto been exempted or discharged. Under the new regulations every person is restored to his original status, the following appearing fn Section 4, making this point clear:

"All exemptions and discharges made prior to noon on December 15, 1917, and all certificates in evidence thereof are hereby revoked from and after noon on December 15, 1917, and all such certificates therefore issued shall have no further validity.

"In any case of deferred classification made under these rules and regulations the secretary of war may order such deferred classification, and any certificate issued in evidence thereof to be revoked and rescinded and the registrant to be transferred to any less deferred class designated by the secretary, except only as to such registrants as have been placed in Class V on account of legal exemption.

Order of Liability.

"Every possible effort will be made by local boards to acquaint registrants with their order of liability. It is absolutely necessary that each registrant know his 'order number.' The new filing system of the local board will enable the clerk to instantly locate any name on his list, and the process of examination and selection of registrants, under these rules and regulations, shall begin by the posting of notice in the offices of the local boards on Form 1002, and by mailing a questionnaire (Form 1001) to every registrant included within such posted notice; and notice of every subsequent action by either the local or district board in respect of each registrant shall be given by entering a minute or date of such action on the Classification List (Form 1000) in the office of the local board, and in addition to such entries, by mailing to the registrant (and in some cases to other claimants) a notice of such action.

"Whenever a duty is to be performed or a period of time begins to run within which any duty is to be performed by any such registrant, or within which any right or privilege may be claimed or exercised by or in respect of any such registrant, a notice of the day upon which such duty is to be performed, or such time begins to run, shall be mailed to the registrant, and the date of such mailing of notice shall be entered opposite the name of such registrant on the Classification List, which is always open to inspection by the public at the office of the local board..

"In addition to the mailing of such notice to registrants, notice of the disposition of claims of other persons in respect of registrants shall be mailed to such other persons."

Can't It Be Done!

(C. F. in the Alaska Citizen)

Of all the pests, I hate the one who loudly wails, "It can't be done." No matter what we try to do, he says the plan will not go through, and shakes his head in doubt and fear. He never has a word of cheer, but wails from morn to setting sun, "It can't be done—it can't be done."

When boosters try to help the town, and bring success and fair renown, or try to start some enterprise, "It can't be done," he loudly cries, and then goes up and down the street and every block he doth repeat this battle cry to every one, "It can't be done—it can't be done."

And so he goes his doleful way and sings his pessimistic lay. The things that are the city's pride he tried to queer, dod rot his hide. Improvements that you see about, he tried to block, the pesky lout—in smiles and cheers he sees no fun, this gink who says, "It can't be done."

No grateful city lauds his name; he's never known to civic fame; no monuments to him are raised; in graven stone he's never praised, and people call him a sonofagun, the gink who says, "It can't be done."

So, when he's called from earthly cares, and tries to climb the golden stairs, may Peter say, "Blow back, my son; it can't be done, it can't be done."

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THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

How to Adorn The Church For The Holiday

CHURCH decoration should be started at least a week before Christmas. Better be early and do the work deliberately rather than leave it and rush and slight the undertaking at the last moment.

Have decorations light and use color sufficient to make them cheerful. Work in plenty of red and white.

Everlasting flowers are good for the purpose. Bunches of immortelles can be broken up, wired into small bunches and used in various ways. These can be had in white, red, yellow and other colors.

Work color into the garlands at proper intervals to relieve the somber effect of the heavy dark green wreathing. Pampas plumes are excellent where they can be used away from gas-lights or danger of fire.

Holly branches are most useful and appropriate. Laurel, boxwood, wild smilax, branches of evergreen trees and tissue paper wreaths, bells and garlands all work in together effectively where a little taste and judgment are used in the arrangement.

Buy material without delay as dealers usually sell out completely before Christmas.

Letters for mottoes can be cut from gold, silver or colored paper or sheet wadding.

For covering mantels in the home evergreen boughs, wild smilax and holly are generally used; also for stair railings. Ground pine garlands are used for festooning around the walls and ceiling, over doors, stair rails, etc.

Outside decorations may consist of garlands over the front door, wreathes on the door and on the gateposts at the entrance to the yard.

In plants the Norfolk Island pine, araucaria, palms, large ferns, aspidistra, bay and box plants in tub are useful where they can be had. Churches oftentimes are able to borrow some of these from members. Where this is done arrangements should be made to keep the building sufficiently warm all the time the plants are in the church to prevent damage. Plants well wrapped in paper will carry quite a distance without injury in very cold weather. A closed car is used by florists for cold weather plant deliveries.—New York Sun.

The Wondrous Season.

Christmas—the same old story;
Sweet with its sweet old way;
The gifts and the songs and glory,
The spirit of youth and play.
Christmas—the fabled Santa,
The tree with its magic light,
The stars and the drums and trumpets,
The toys and the tinsel bright.

Christmas—no change forever;
The letters to good old Kris,
The arms of the little children
And the lips that are sweet to kiss.
Christmas—the changeless beauty,
Older, and still so young
With its glory of childhood spirit
And its tales of the fairy tongue.

Christmas—the streets to show it,
The shops with their brilliant sight;
The windows of charm to glow it,
The festive and magic light.
Christmas—and still appealing
With its utter glory to men
As over their gray hearts stealing
Their boyhood comes again.

Christmas—the same old blessing,
The holy and lovely spell
Of tenderest trust and confessing,
And the glory of all things well.
Christmas—the wondrous reason,
As fresh in its joy today
As it was in the vanished visions
Of the childhoods far away.
—Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Santa Claus Man

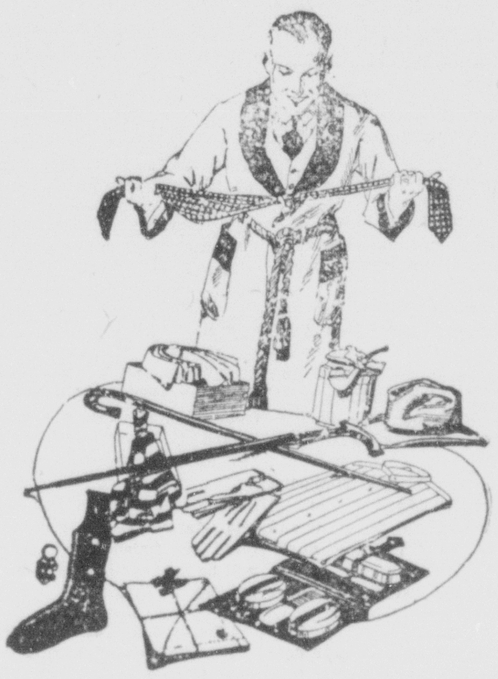
MR. SANTA CLAUS-MAN, won't you please tell me why
You come with your reindeer out of the sky?
Do you get from the stars those bright, shiny toys
That you bring us down here if we're good little boys?

Mr. Santa Claus Man, won't you please tell me why
You don't fall straight down when you come from the sky?
Do the clouds hold you up or does old Mr. Sun
Watch over your sleigh till your journey is done?

Mr. Santa Claus Man, aren't you ever afraid
Your sleigh won't hold all the toys you have made?
And aren't you afraid you'll let some of them fall,
Perhaps my new sled or my sister's new doll?

Mr. Santa Claus Man, do the birds ever fly
As far up as you live up in the sky?
And are you great friends with the man in the moon?
Does he ride in your sleigh or isn't there room?

Oh, please, Mr. Santa Claus Man, let me know
About all these things that have puzzled me so.
Can't you manage it, somehow, my mind to relieve,
When you come down our chimney on next Christmas eve?
—*Pittsburgh Press.*



Buy a Man's Gift *from* a Man's Store

IT will please him--he knows a gift with the Montgomery-Cummins label gives assurance of value.

We are in Christmas attire, ready to show to you gifts of the useful kind.

A Few Suggestions

Mufflers, Wool and Silk
Hosiery, Wool and Silk
Sweaters of all kinds
Gloves of all kinds
Silk and Madras Shirts
Fur Caps and Gloves
Pajamas
Neckwear at all prices
Initial Handkerchiefs
Underwear
Umbrellas
Jewelry

Suits and Overcoats for the man, Young man and the Boys.

Most anything in useful apparel for the man.

Come Now
Shop Early

Montgomery-Cummins
Clothing Company
First Door North Nodaway Valley Bank
YOURS TO PLEASE

Public Sale

165 HEAD OF LIVE STOCK

We will sell at the C. H. Kinman farm, 1 mile northeast of Elmo, on

Wednesday, Dec. 19th

Commencing at 10 o'clock, the following described property—

43 Head of Horses and Mules—27 mules coming 3 years old and 22 are mare mules of the 27 head. They are a good bunch with plenty of bone and quality, stand 15 to 15¾ hands high; 7 head of good broke mules, the kind that are good enough for any market; 3 coming 2 year old mules; 1 sorrel mare 8 years old, wt. 1300; 1 pair coming 4 year old geldings, wt. 2800; 1 bay 4 year old gelding, wt. 1200; 1 black mare, 4 years old, wt. 1100; 1 bay 3 year old, wt. 1300.

86 Cattle—27 head cows, bred to white face bull, to calve in March and April, some fresh earlier and some of these cows are giving milk now; 45 head coming 2 year old steers, good quality, 12 head spring calves.

30 Hogs—6 red gilts, 6 white gilts, immuned; 6 old sows, immuned, and good ones; 10 fall pigs; 2 red male hogs.

Implements—1 bob sled, 2 wagons, 1 carriage, 1 stalk cutter, 1 gang plow, 1 disc, 1 mower, 2 walking cultivators, 1 riding cultivator, 1 lister, 1 drill, 1 stirring plow, 1 end-gate seeder, 1 cider mill, 3 sets work harness, 1 saddle, some water tanks, some hog troughs, chicken coops, 100 good burr oak posts, some household furniture, and other things too numerous to mention.

Hay and Grain—500 to 600 bushels good seed oats, 6 or 7 tons timothy hay in barn.

Terms—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount 3, 6 or 9 months time, purchaser giving bankable note bearing 8 per cent interest from date.

Lunch on ground.

Miller, Talbott, Wiley,
Auctioneers.
Vansickle, Clerk.

Geo. T. Clardy
C. H. Kinman

Public Sale

Having sold my farm, I will sell at public auction, 2 miles east of Skidmore, Mo., commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. on

Wednesday, December 19

The following described property:

120—HEAD OF STOCK—120

36 Head of Cattle—Consisting of 8 extra good milch cows; 3 coming two year old heifers, all to be fresh in the spring; 15 coming two year old steers; 11 spring calves, good ones. This stuff has all been feed for sixty days.

85 Head of Spring Shoats, all good ones.

Hay—25 tons of alfalfa hay, as fine as you ever saw.

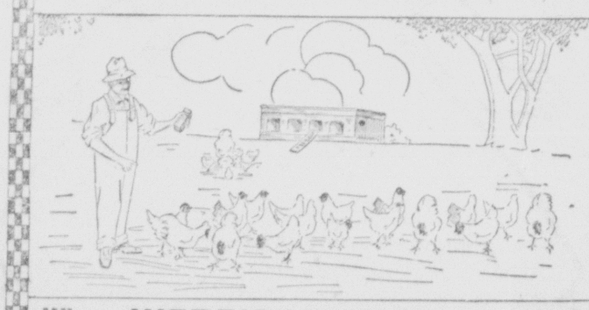
100 hedge posts, 1 disc cultivator, one disc harrow, one carriage, one bob sled, some household goods.

Terms—All sums of $10 and under, cash. On sums over $10 a credit of six months time will be allowed, purchaser giving bankable note drawing 8% interest from date. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with .

R. P. HOSMER, Auct.
W. S. LINVILLE, Clerk.
Lunch on ground.

Jake Suetterlin

Lice and Mites are Unknown



Where WEBB'S VAPO-KILL is Used

Vapo means Vapors. Kill means to Kill. Consequently, VAPO-KILL does just what it means. Exterminates all Insect Life, such as Lice, Mites, Etc. A few drops in Nests and on Floors of Poultry House, and then spray as directed. Concentrated, can be diluted.

50c. BOTTLE MAKES 1 GALLON. $1.00 BOTTLE MAKES 3 GALLONS.
Easiest to Use. Cheapest to Buy. We Guarantee Results.
- FOR SALE BY -
PEARSON PHARMACY

MANUFACTURED BY THE WEBB CHEMICAL CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Attention Homeseekers

Are you interested in the fertile and productive Northwest, the greatest stock and grain growing district in the United States? If so, call on me at

The Bainum Hotel,
Maryville, Missouri
December 17-18-19

I will be there on the dates mentioned with a full supply of literature dealing with the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, also an exhibit of the products of the Northern Pacific country, which will be of much interest to prospective settlers.

If you cannot attend this exhibit, write for information and literature.

O. L. Stark, Trav. Immig. Agent,
217 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Northern Pacific Railway

Obituary.

Mildred Maxine, daughter of Howard and Marie Randleman, was born July 23, 1911, and departed this life Dec. 11, 1917, aged 6 years, 4 months and 18 days.

Mildred's sweet and loving disposition and pleasant smile endeared her to all and those who knew her best loved her most.

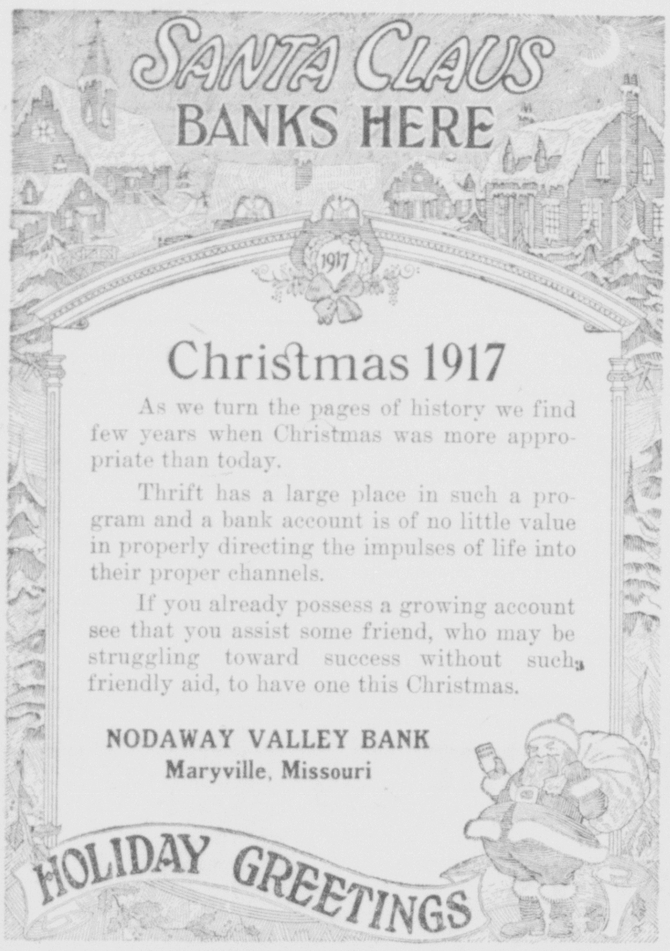
She leaves to mourn her loss father, mother, two brothers, Orville, aged eight and Leland, one year old; also many other relatives. This home which she brightened with her pure sweet life will be made darker by her absence, but heaven will be brighter by her entering there.

The funeral services were held at Platte Valley church, Thursday, Dec. 13, conducted by Rev. E. B. Osborn of New Market, Iowa. Burial was in Bolckow cemetery.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Eyes Tested Free
Glasses Fitted
We Guarantee Satisfaction.

H. L. Raines
West Third Street



Christmas 1917

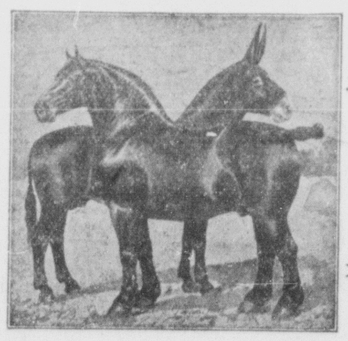
As we turn the pages of history we find few years when Christmas was more appropriate than today.

Thrift has a large place in such a program and a bank account is of no little value in properly directing the impulses of life into their proper channels.

If you already possess a growing account see that you assist some friend, who may be struggling toward success without such a friendly aid, to have one this Christmas.

NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Missouri

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Wanted

100 English Gunners, weight 1400 to 1800.
100 U. S. Gunners, weight 1200 to 1400.
100 fat Southerns, the good kind.
100 Mules, 4 to 10 years old.
All war horses must be 5 to 10 years old.

SHOW THEM TO ME—I HAVE NO AGENTS.

Bring them in or phone me.

Hanamo 31
Farmers 161

Jim Andy Ford

Poinsettia Popular At Christmas Time

PROBABLY the most popular of all Christmas plants is the poinsettia, often called the Christmas rose. This is prized for its dazzling rosette of scarlet leaves which grows high up above the equally beautiful dark green foliage.

These scarlet leaves, which measure from four inches to a foot across, are usually referred to as the flowers, but, correctly speaking, they are not flowers. When these great heads of scarlet leaves are fully grown they will remain in this condition from ten to twelve weeks. The poinsettia is very easily cultivated. It grows in any good sandy soil and delights in a warm atmosphere.

The flowers will be much larger and finer if the plant is given a little stimulation in the form of liquid manure for a few weeks previous to its blooming. After it has stopped flowering—about the middle of February—it should be dried off and turned on its side in a warm place until May. The cellar is suitable if there is a furnace; if not, select an upstairs closet. The plant will become just like a dried stick, but will be alive nevertheless. When fine spring weather comes put the pot outside and water it well. It's surprising how quickly it will start to grow, but before it has made much growth cut it back to the stump. Next shake off about two-thirds of the old soil, replacing it with fresh soil composed of good garden loam and sand. When cut the number of shoots will increase, and each shoot means a head of bloom.

Immediately after the blooming season is the proper time to propagate poinsettia, which anyone can easily do. After cutting the plant back to the stump and allowing it to rest as first described take the canes or branches which have first been removed and cut them in lengths of about six inches. Be careful in making the cuttings to keep the tops all one way as they are now only dry stems. Fill a four or five-inch flowerpot with loose sand and stick the cuttings in this (bottom down) to the depth of about two inches. After the cuttings are in place tap the bottom of the pot on the table sharply several times to settle the sand. Now water thoroughly and place in a sunny window. Afterward water slightly, just enough to keep the sand damp. The cuttings will soon begin to show signs of growth. When sure that they are rooted (which should take about six weeks) transplant them into separate pots, using the soil first mentioned. They will grow in these pots during the following summer. Always keep them in the full sun and there will be little difficulty growing them.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Gift Suggestions That May Be Useful

A NICE present from a disobedient boy to his father is a shingle.

To please a husband a wife can do nothing better than buy a cheap dress for herself.

A gift which bears signs of careful attention on the part of the giver is always appreciated more than one carelessly purchased in a store. To make a baby grand piano, buy a full-sized grand and a plane and plane it down to the requisite size for a flat.

An excellent motorcycle may be made at little cost if one uses a little common sense. Look around for a second-hand wheel and place it in the cellar. Then find a second-hand motorboat, which can usually be purchased at a low price in towns that are far from water. Extract the motor from the boat and affix it to the cycle. Then you have a motorcycle that will astonish anybody in the world.

A charming gift for any man who does not smoke is a box of five-cent cigars.

A pair of skates will prove a very economical present if you happen to have two one-legged friends.

To make an acceptable cravat for a young man proceed as follows: Cut a piece six inches long off the dining room carpet. Clip the fringe off any velvet curtains you may find in the house. Take the spangles off some fancy dress costume. Now sew the fringe on the carpet and fasten on the spangles. The completed cravat will delight the heart of any young man who can afford not to wear it.

A ten-carat diamond is a suitable gift to a fiancee. If you can't afford the diamond try a touring car.

A set of Milton's works may* please a ten-year-old boy.

*Note the "may."—C. B. Quincy, in New York American.

A Christmas Heaven

A GAMBREL roof in a sheltered lane
And a laughing group therein.
The winds may bellow with might and main,
And the storms may clash and din,
But it's Christmas, Father Christmas
Hath the keeping of his kin.

Outside, a traveler in the snow,
And a glad "Hello!" once more;
Within, a hearth fire all aglow
And a dear face at the door,
And it's Christmas, Father Christmas
Giveth greetings o'er and o'er.

The circles, wonderful circles, where
They are gathered today;
The kindness, beautiful kindness, there
And the welcome words they say,
For it's Christmas, Father Christmas,
Turns no prodigal away.
—Frank Walcott Hutt in New Orleans Times-Democrat.

EVERY MAN ENLISTING NOW WORTH HALF A DOZEN LATER

Cry Is for Speed in Getting Available Guns and Ships Placed Along Ocean Highways.

Glorious as are the traditions of the American navy, appealing as it has always done to the finest manhood of the country, nothing in all its history has been more glorious than the response it has made to the country's call in the present emergency.

Everybody connected with it, from Secretary Daniels down to the humblest recruit, from the Congress which has strengthened it with financial backing to the laborer in the forest or the apprentice mechanic in the shipyards, has turned to work with such effect that the speed of its war preparations stands without a parallel.

Within the last six months the navy's personnel has been increased by volunteer enlistment from 64,000 men to 145,000. Every battleship and every cruiser held in reserve has received at least enough men to put to sea. Hundreds of smaller craft, yachts, motor boats, etc., have been examined and accepted for service and are already working as patrols against submarines.

In addition, the government is rushing the largest program of construction in the country's history. No fewer than 767 vessels, from battleships and battle cruisers to submarines and submarine chasers, are in process of construction. Our navy soon will have the largest force of destroyers of any in the world, not even excepting that of Great Britain.

It is already more than our first bulwark of defense. It has become a powerful offensive force and one which is bound to make itself tremendously felt in the stirring events that are to come.

Much as has been accomplished, however, much more remains to be done. And of all the problems of the immediate future none is so pressing as that of finding the 30,000 new men the department so urgently needs. Upon the success or failure of this drive for recruits depends largely the success of the whole program. These men must be found and must be found right away.

Every young man who loves his country and who expects to serve her in her hour of greatest need should take these facts home to himself. Every man who enlists NOW will be worth half a dozen who enlist later. For upon the relatively small number of men the navy requires will depend the safety of the millions who must go to Europe and tear from the ruthless hands of Kaiserdom the sacred cause of human liberty which they have so vilely profaned.

LAST CALL FOR MEN OF DRAFT AGE TO ENTER NAVY

After Dec. 15 Option to Enter Maritime Service Will Be Closed to Youths of First Class.

This is a time when every young man of draft age must ask himself seriously what the next few months will hold for him.

It is becoming daily more apparent that America will have to put 5,000,000 men in the field. Under the plans for the next draft, the bulk of these must come from what is called the first class, composed of young men without dependent relatives and engaged in no profession or trade essential to the winning of the war.

The wisdom of such an arrangement is too apparent to need discussion. But when it is remembered that a large percentage of men in this class will be rejected for physical disabilities and for other essential reasons the chances of exemption for each healthy, able-bodied individual of this class become remote.

One option is left to these men, and only one. They can volunteer in the navy, provided they do it before Dec. 15. After that day they cannot make this choice, except in a few cases where they are close to the bottom of the list, and then only when they get permission from the exemption boards.

The navy needs 30,000 more men, needs them urgently, needs them right away. Of this total Missouri has a quota of 1,200 men. It is a splendid service. More than that, it is an essential service. In no other department can young men do more for the country they love than in this.

The ships are ready. The guns are ready. The weakest spot in our national armor must be strengthened, and only the navy can strengthen it. The very lives of millions of American soldiers, the whole success of the war, the defeat of the most evil machine which has ever menaced the world's progress, all depend upon how the navy answers the call.

Upon the immediate raising of this force of 30,000 the welfare of 100,000,000 at home may hinge, to say nothing of the countless millions of oppressed peoples abroad. The individual who serves the navy thus counts as far more than a single individual. Has such a glorious opportunity for patriotic service ever come to the young men of any land before?

Roy L. Zimmerman will leave tomorrow morning for the Great Lakes station, having recently volunteered for the navy.

ENORMOUS COAL CONSUMPTION

Thousands of Tons Are Wasted in Careless Burning—Watch Your Heat

Fifteen million people in this country are shoveling coal today, of whom 250,000 are firemen in power plants and on railroads. By midnight, says W. H. Windsor, writing in Popular Mechanics, they will have converted 2,300,000 tons into ashes. With these ashes will be thrown away thousands of tons of coal only partly burned. Other thousands of tons will have been wasted in careless burning, or unnecessary heating of unoccupied rooms; in the making of electric lights which illuminated rooms and needless places. In twelve months we have burned 600,000,000 tons.

Of late we have increased our consumption of coal much faster than it can be delivered; our mines are adequate—with sufficient labor—to produce what we need, but transportation is limited. During the past year the steel industry has used 40,000,000 tons more than the previous year; our cotton mills, 4,000,000 tons; our railroads, 40,000,000 tons—while other industries bring the increase up to 100,000,000 tons. A single new munitions plant alone takes the entire output of two large mines. Our own navy and our Allies' constitute a new and large demand for fuel.

Coal has always been so abundant here we have given little thought to saving it. We must manage some way to save at least 50,000,000 tons. The damper in your stove, furnace, or heater can help win the war; a door in your ash pit which leaks air and soot in flues, pipes, chimneys are all aiding the enemy. Weather strips, storm sash, ash sifters, careful firing, a curtailment of coal fuel as much as possible are all instruments of first aid to the Great Cause. Shall we force our government to take over the coal industry as England, France, Italy, Russia and Germany have already done, or shall we relieve the administration of this extra burden by taking the situation seriously? Every owner or manager of a plant using coal can do a lot.

It is of very great importance to save every pound of coal possible, for if we don't, a lot of factories not absolutely essential to war supplies will have to close down. How much better we should all, large and small users alike, exercise economy and prevent embargo.

Warm Water for Hogs.

Watering hogs in winter is an important matter. Everybody realizes that the physiological functions of an animal require water just as certainly in cold weather as in warm, but a hog will drink very little water in zero weather if it has to go out in the cold, stick its snout into an icy bath and fill its stomach with something which will give it the shivers for the next thirty minutes. In this case it will not drink until it really has to, and as a consequence does not partake of enough water to keep its system in proper condition. Hence the importance of warming the water slightly when the weather is very cold. This can be done easily and quickly by the use of one of the tank heaters to be found on the market.—Farm Life.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

One woman writes that her hens lay enough eggs to pay the grocery bills every month.

Look to your flock NOW. Eggs are high. You can make your hens pay big profits by using

Wolf's

EGG MAKER

It will condition your hens, keep them healthy, and make them lay.

So positive are we that WOLF'S EGG MAKER will do all we claim that we have told our dealer in your town to furnish you enough for your flock on the following guarantee which is on every package.

The contents of this package is "MADE TO SATISFY" If it fails to do as claimed, your dealer is authorized to refund your money
The Wolf Chemical Co.

Remember! Lousy Hens Can't Lay
WOLF'S RAPID LOUSE KILLER
will keep your hens free from lice.
Large Can, Sifter Top, 25c

GAUGH & WOODWORTH, Druggists,
South Side of Square, Maryville, Mo.

Sensible Christmas Gift *for* Your Children.

Nowadays with reasons for conservation, there's double cause for you to think seriously of what constitutes the sensible Christmas present. Especially true is that when it comes to the problem of the kiddies. This year the youngsters can "do their bit" easiest by learning to save—to save the greatest of all the nation's resources—money.

You can start them right. Open a savings account for your boys and girls, tell them just what it means, show them how to keep the account growing and you will have given them a gift that the passing of years will only make the better. Yes, give them a bank account of their own. They will never forget it.

We are glad to serve the children. We try to make them feel right at home; encourage them to come here often, alone or with their parents. Start a savings account for sister and sonny—teach them the value of money—it's the best way, by far, to express the Christmas spirit of love and gift giving. We urge you to make this a merry, merry Christmas for the youngsters.

Real Estate Bank

OFFICERS:
George B. Baker President. Edward E. Williams, Cashier.
Burt M. Rowley, Assistant Cashier.

Give Flowers for Christmas

There is nothing so universally acceptable at Christmas as Beautiful Flowers. Flowers as a gift express so unmistakably one's genuine feelings.

Fresh cut flowers and choice Blooming Plants for any occasion for the Christmas Holidays.

The Engelmann Greenhouses
Phones 17 1001 So. Main Street.

Attention
Road Drag Contractors

Any contractor who has dragged any portion of a county seat road must report the same on or before December 29, 1917, as our final report to the State Highway Board will be made at that date. Anyone neglecting to report on or before that date will lose his fees, for the state only pays for work reported by the County Highway Board and the state books are closed January 10, 1918.

GEORGE S. MILLER,
Chairman Highway Board.

30-Shetland Ponies-30 At Auction

GRAY'S PAVILION, SATURDAY, DEC. 22.
MARYVILLE, MO.

Sale will begin at 1 o'clock

30 Shetland Ponies from the famous WOODLAWN HERD of Sterling, Ill.

HIGH CLASS REGISTERED STALLIONS, MARES and GELDINGS — Practically all of these ponies except the weanlings are broken to ride and drive (most mares are bred).

IN EVERY CHILD IS BORN THE LOVE OF A PONY—The use of the Shetland pony tends to develop all that is best in the child's character. MAKE YOUR CHILDREN HAPPY—BUY THEM A CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF ONE OF these SPLENDID PONIES.

TERMS—Cash or 6 months note bearing 8 per cent interest.

R. P. Hosmer, Auct.
S. H. Kemp, Clerk.

WOODLAWN FARM CO.
Sterling, Ill.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

WANTS

THAT BRING RESULTS

RATES IN THIS COLUMN

Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one-half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25c for three days.

Ads running less than three days or interrupted insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.

Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all want ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE—Johnson Co. white seed corn in ear, (guaranteed to give satisfactory test, ready now. Call Farmers 41-15 or Hanamo 108. M. C. Thompson. 17tf

FOR SALE — 10,000 pounds pure home-made Christmas candy at 20c pound. New York Candy Kitchen. 17-19

FOR SALE—Pair of Mules, coming four years old, good ones. John B. Shinabargar, 8 miles southwest of Maryville. 17-19*

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I have 120 acre well improved farm in Nodaway county 4 miles of two good railroad towns, 13 miles from Maryville. 8-room house, good barn, plenty of water, well fenced. Will sell for cash; or will take good dwelling house in Maryville for part pay. J. J. Heifner, P. O. Box 262, Maryville, Mo. 17-22

FOR SALE—S. C. R. I. Red cockerels, $1.50 each if taken this week, extra nice. C. A. Farrens, Burlington Junction. Farmers phone. 17-19*

FOR SALE—Three cars choice potatoes, 80c per bushel. Wickham Berry Farm, Salem, Nebr. 10-17*

FOR SALE — One good full blood yearling Duroc Boar. H. H. McClurg, 3 miles southeast of Pickering. 11-17*

FOR SALE—Dodge touring car, A1 condition, will sell worth the money. Wray's Garage. 15-18

FOR SALE — Pure bred Barred Rock cockerels, well barred and good bone. Call Mrs. Helen Moore, Ravenwood, Mo. 13-19*

FOR SALE—A few barrels choice Jonathan apples, sold by the barrel only. J. W. Ray, Hanamo phone 5222. 15-tf

FOR SALE — Two new heating stoves, household furniture, two pianos and one violin; cow and nine pigs. Mrs. Highbarger, 417 East First street. Phone 4625. 15-18

TIMBER FOR SALE—30acres four miles of Barnard, Guilford and Conception. Sold by the acre; land to be cleared for the plow. See T. W. Costello, Conception Junction. 13-18*

FOR SALE — Good Jersey cow fresh in January. Call Farmers phone 188-11. 14-17*

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck. Hanamo 683. 30tf.

FOR RENT—7-room modern hous except furnace. 421 corner 11th and Walnut. Albena Lornson. 11-17*

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSULT Dave Cornett about your painting and paper hanging at Frost Produce House. 416 North Main. 15-18

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

NOTICE — I will be in Arkoe on December 20 from 11 a. m. till 5 p. m. to collect taxes for Grant township. G. A. SELL. 15-18

BOX SOCIAL Friday night, Dec. 21, at Peace and Harmony school. Program. Mrs. Dale McGinnis, teacher. 17-19*

WANTED

WANTED—To buy Perfection oil cook stove. Phone Hanamo 203. 15-18*

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

WANTED — At once, bicycles and parts; also pump or automatic shot gun. Harry Price, Hanamo 115, Farmers 193. 14-17

WANTED — Wood choppers, $1.25 and $1.50 per cord. Call A. B. Wells, Hanamo 552J. 17-22*

WANTED—General housework by experienced girl, town preferred. Inquire Democrat-Forum office. 17-19*

LOST

LOST—Suitcase, brown and empty, between Mrs. W. R. Wells' home, S. Main and 2 miles north of Maryville. Leave at Democrat-Forum office or phone 45. 17-19*

LOST — Straw book satchel containing High School books, fountain pen and wearing apparel. George Sorrie, phone 40KW. 17-19

NOTICE — To taxpayers of White Cloud township: I will be at Farmers & Citizens Bank, Barnard, on Tuesday and Saturday of this week and Monday and Saturday of next week; Arkoe on Wednesdays; at the county treasurer's office at Maryville on Thursday of each week. M. P. Ross, collector, Route 4, Maryville. 17--19*

BIG Shooting Match at A. J. Holt's on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20. We will have a beef, turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens. At the Kelly place, ½ mile east Shell Grove school. Everybody invited. 17-19

PACKAGE addressed to Essie Ward, Pickering, was misplaced Saturday in the wrong car. Finder please phone Farmers 172, Maryville. Reward. 17-19*

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Grain Market Future

Kansas City, Dec. 17.—CORN—December, $1.27; May, $1.20.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 17,000; steers $9.00@$14.50; cows, $5.00 @ $11.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,000; top $16.25; bulk, $15.25 @ $16.10.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 15,000; market, 10 higher.

HOGS — Receipts, 33,000; market, steady; top, $16.30.

St Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, Dec. 17. — CATTLE — Receipts, 3,000; market, steady.

HOGS — Receipts, 5,00; ;market, steady; top, $16.30.

Don Kingery was over from Burlington Junction today looking after business matters.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I am seven years old. Please bring me a soldier game and a train that winds up and runs on a track and a horn and a wagon and that will be all for this time and take the others to the children that have no mother or father.

EDDIE HALL.

Candies *for* Christmas

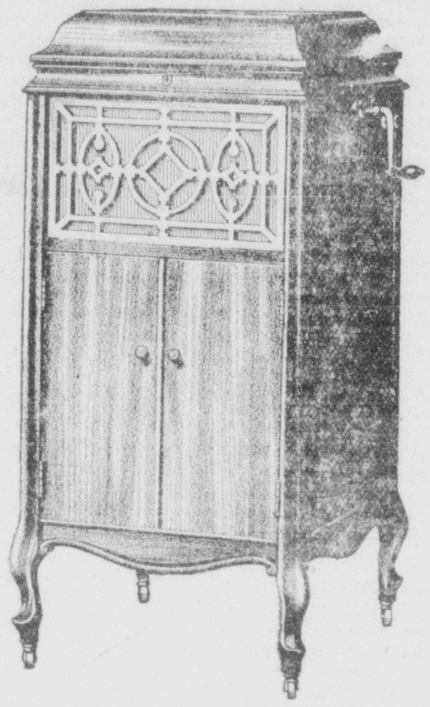
See our line of Fresh Candies, and note the attractive prices we are offering them for.

D. E. HOTCHKIN
111 West Third Street

DR. W. W. TURNER
OSTEOPATH
Treatment of bowel, liver and nervous diseases a specialty.
Office over Alderman-Yehle Store
Both Phones.

THE SISSON LOAN & TITLE CO.
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI
Real Estate, Loans and Insurance
Counting Rooms Over Nodaway Valley Bank
Best Terms Ever Offered—See Us.

The Phonograph Triumph



$32.50 to $180.00

The Brunswick

Let your ear decide what phonograph you really prefer. Hear them all—test and compare them. We feel your choice will be The Brunswick. You will marvel at its tone and how faithfully it reproduces even the mellowest tones. Tones that other phonographs lose.

Then remember this, The Brunswick plays all records. You are not limited to one make with The Brunswick. It plays all records—all makes—equally well. This includes the famous Pathe Records. The whole world of music is at your command with The Brunswick.

Come and hear your favorite selections played on The Brunswick. There's a musical treat in store for you here.

Price & McNeal
FURNITURE PATHE RECORDS RUGS

BIG MUSICAL EVENT

(Continued from Page 1.)

"Blossoms of Oranges"....Cavalleria Rusticana) Mascagni
Mrs. F. P. Robinson, Orpha Faris, Mrs. Fred Harvey, Marcus T. Nielsen
Rev. G. S. Cox

Choral—

"The Heavens Are Telling" (Creation) Haydn

With Trio by Orpha Faris, William Nielsen and Prof. W. J. Osburn

Community Singing—

"The Star Spangled Banner"
The Audience

The following are members of the Oratorio Society:

Sopranos — Katherine Abplanalp, Bertha Anderson, Carrie Margaret Baker, Ida Bosh, Crystell Craynor, Mrs. A. Carter, Mrs. E. M. Claypool, Mrs. L. Colvin, Mrs. L. G. Crossan, Eva Davis, Amye Ebersole, Orpha Faris, Mrs. F. French, Eula Godby, Maurine Kimberlin, Lavetta McClannahan, Thelma Morris, Mrs. F. P. Robinson, Hildred Shelton, Mrs. N. Sommerville, Helen Trullinger, Lucile Wiley, Mrs. F. W. White, Eathel Woods, Mrs. C. E. Wells, Cora Gehr, Mrs. W. W. Turner, Ilene Kemp.

Altos—Mrs. C. A. Bone, Edna Busby, Vera Braden, Nell Cranor, Eva Dawson, Julia Denny, Mrs. M. Grable, Mrs. F. Harvey, Dale Hulet, Ruby Irwin, Mrs. C. Jensen, Mrs. J. T. Pugh, Martha Koch, Neva Sage, Leona Willard.

Tenors—Emery Airy, E. M. Claypool, Rev. G. S. Cox, Herbert Pugh, William Nielsen.

Bassos—Rev. S. A. Coile, Marcus Grable, W. I. Lewis, Prof. W. J. Osburn, Neil Sommerville, Don Roberts, H. J. Becker.

Organ—Willetta Kittell.
Piano—Helen Johnson.
Director—Marcus T. Nielsen.

BOX AND PIE SOCIAL at Hazel Grove school house, three miles southwest of Conception, Thursday night, December 20. Miss Bessie Shrock, teacher. Everyone cordially invited. 17-19*

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gray and Mrs. W. M. Partridge of the Myrtle Tree neighborhood were shopping and visiting friends here today.

NO COAL PRICES YET

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the dealers can promise future deliveries of coal.

In connection with the tentative agreement that the overhead cost, including profit, to coal dealers be placed at $2.20, it is interesting to learn that dealers down at Carrollton, a town as far away from the Illinois and Iowa coal fields as Maryville, are required to charge for overhead and profit of $1.15. The following is from the Carrollton Democrat of last week:

"The county fuel board, composed of W. E. Hudson, J. F. Geary and R. B. Minnis, had an all-day session Wednesday. All of the coal dealers of the county were invited to appear before the board and the coal situation was thoroughly discussed. The board decided that a margin of $1.15 per ton, over the cost of the coal laid down here, was sufficient, and fixed the following maximum retail prices:

"Richmond, Camden, Missouri City and Huntsville coal costs $4.35; selling price, $5.50.

"Bevier coal costs $4.00; selling price, $5.15.

Iowa coal costs $4.66; selling price, $5.75.

Franklin county coal costs $4.95; selling price, $6.10.

Mt. Olive, Ill., coal costs $4.40; selling price, $5.55.

No dealer is permitted to sell at a higher price than this, and the dealer who charges more is subject to revocation of his license and having his coal shipments turned to another dealer."

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Men Wanted

Over the age of eighteen, for street car conductors and motormen. Permanent positions with steady work to the right men. Physical examination necessary. Write or call in person within the next week. Employment Department, The Kansas City Railways Company, 1500 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE

This store has many gifts that will give great satisfaction. If there ever was a time that Christmas purchases should be confined to practical gifts, it is this year. With this aim in view, we have confined our buying to goods that will be of most benefit. Be sure to sto phere on your Christmas shopping trip and look at our stock.

Percolators

We have a good number of Percolators — the very kind that will please the recipient as a Christmas Gift. Other suggestions:

—Food Choppers —Aluminum Ware
—Perfection Oil Heaters —Cutlery
—Carving Sets —Ranges

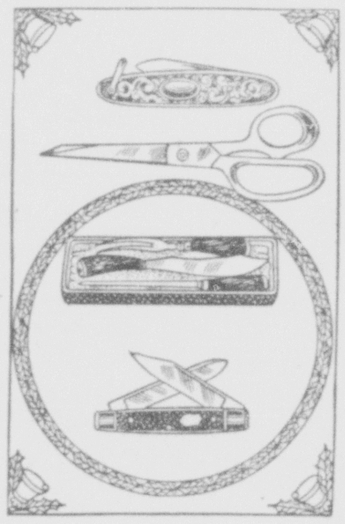
Casseroles

Our display of Casseroles is ready for the Christmas shopper. Get a Casserole or two for gifts. Nearly every home can use an extra one.

A Few Suggestions

—Knives
—Scissors
—Roasters
—Tea Kettles
—Tool Sets
—Carpenter Tools
—Washing Machine
—Athletic Goods

Kiddie Car
Sleds
Wagons
Rifles
Skates, etc.



Community Plate

The announcement of our display of Community Plate will be of particular interest to those who wish the best in silverware.

Get our prices on Community Plate. They are very reasonable and the quality is guaranteed. We recently received a new line and are sure that we can please you.

10% Discount on Heaters

To clean out the balance of our stock of Heating Stoves before taking inventory, we will give a 10 per cent discount. These are Round Oak and Great Western Heaters, two well known makes of stoves.

Now is an opportunity to make yourself and family a Christmas Present of lasting usefulness and at the same time SAVE MONEY.

Come in and get a new heater now—you'll pay much more later.

KESSLER'S

West Side Square